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GRAND SCALE BATTLE RAGING IN GREECE

LORD STAMP'S HEIR ALSO KILLED

The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, the Hon. Wilfred Stamp, both killed in Wednesday night's air raids, have been recovered from the wreckage of their home in Shortlands, Kent. Search is continuing for Lady Stamp.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing success story, rose from a 15/- a week boy to the highest business appointments in the land.

As among his other activities he was President of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, a director of the Bank of England and of Imperial Chemical Industries, an economic expert and adviser to the Government, he was one of the busiest men in the country.

Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot, and Mr. A. L. Bowly, who was a well-known crooner, both being killed in London.

Direct Hit

The body of Lady Stamp was recovered later. She was with her husband and son in the shelter when the house received a direct hit and collapsed on the shelter, which was demolished.

Of seven people taking refuge, only one was rescued alive. — Reuter.

Anglo-Greek Line Holds Intact At All Vital Points

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FURIOUS GRAND SCALE BATTLE IS NOW RAGING FROM THE ADRIATIC SEA TO THE AEGEAN, WITH PARTICULARLY VIOLENT FIGHTING ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT OLYMPUS, WHERE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE REPEATEDLY SMASHED MASS GERMAN ASSAULTS.

LUFTWAFFE LOSSES IN BRITAIN

A total of six enemy raiders were shot down on Wednesday night in the raid on London, it is now learned.

An Air Ministry communique states three were destroyed by fighters and three by A.A. fire.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down into the Straits of Dover yesterday morning by fighters and it is now known that one enemy fighter was destroyed over the French coast on Wednesday.

There was no enemy activity over Britain yesterday apart from the dropping of bombs on a town in north-east Scotland by a single aircraft. Damage was small but some were killed. — Reuter.

The German forces are now bringing their full weight to bear not only on the Macedonian front, but also in Albania, where troops swinging from Yugoslavia have joined the Italians, and it is expected that the Greeks will fall back on the Albanian front.

The British High Command admits the seriousness of the situation, but says that the Allied line, although compelled to give ground at several points, has inflicted severe losses on the Germans and prevented at break-through at any point.

Athens Radio announced that the British Imperial and Greek forces have "repulsed German mechanised columns at many points on the northern front, inflicting severe damage on the Germans."

At some points on their east flank, however, the Greeks have been compelled to make a series of strategic withdrawals, according to the official spokesman, who added that, in Albania, the Greeks are still in control of the situation, and "in local attacks, repulsed with heavy losses for the Italians."

IT IS OFFICIALLY CLAIMED THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ALLIED LINES ARE STANDING FIRM AT THE BASE OF THE KEY MOUNTAIN PASSES IN THE OLYMPIAN REGION. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Line Intact

Latest reports from the Macedonian front state that the Anglo-Greek line, although under pressure, remains intact.

Hard fighting is taking place round Servia, (Greece) where Australian troops are giving the Germans a hammering.

One British armoured unit brought down five German planes with Bren guns.

Bitter Struggle

Beyond the fact that a bitter struggle is raging in the region just north of Kalabaka, there is no fresh news regarding the fighting in northern Greece.

A Greek communique stated the Germans were advancing upon Kalabaka.

Albania Situation

The Greek army may have to evacuate Albania where the situation is described as "serious," according to well-informed quarters in Cairo yesterday.

Considerable German forces which have been freed from ac-

tion in Yugoslavia have succeeded in pushing back the Greeks who were in a position to protect the retreat of the Greek forces from the Albanian sector. It is stated.

This may have repercussions on the British and Imperial troops in Greece.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo do not pretend to minimise the gravity of the Greek situation. — Reuter.

U.S. TAXPAYERS WARNED

United States taxpayers are to be asked to pay \$3,500,000,000 more dollars next year.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced yesterday that the Administration are asking for this amount of new taxes.

That figure, he added, was reached on the basis that at least two-thirds of expenditure ought to be raised by taxation.

Expenditure for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is estimated at \$19,000,000,000.

"EXISTING TAXES WILL BRING US JUST OVER \$9,000,000,000 LEAVING ABOUT \$3,500,000,000 SHORT OF THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WE OUGHT TO RAISE," HE SAID.

Apart from these new taxes the Treasury will have to borrow \$500,000,000 a month to meet expenditures on defence and the Lend and Lease programme. — Reuter.

DELIBERATE LIE

President Roosevelt, through his private secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday characterised as "a deliberate lie," reports that United States naval vessels were helping convoy British ships across the Atlantic. — Reuter.

UNCEASING AIR POUNDING OF NAZI FORCES

UNCEASING ATTACKS on enemy supply columns in Greece were carried out by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and the previous night, states a Cairo communique.

Much damage was caused. Kozani-Bitolj-Ptolemais was the main area attacked. The railway near Korinos, motor transport near Kitros and a station south-east of Katarimi were successfully bombed.

Flares were started at a series of aerodromes, and a convoy east of Salonika was heavily bombed.

A large formation of enemy aircraft which attacked shipping in Khalkis harbour on Wednesday were engaged by fighters which shot down one Junkers twin-engine dive-bomber while another was destroyed by A.A. fire.

The R.A.F. lost four aircraft in widespread operations in Greece and Libya on Wednesday and Tuesday night.

Enemy aircraft raided the aerodrome at Heraklion on Tuesday but negligible damage resulted and one aircraft was shot down, the pilot being captured. — Reuter.

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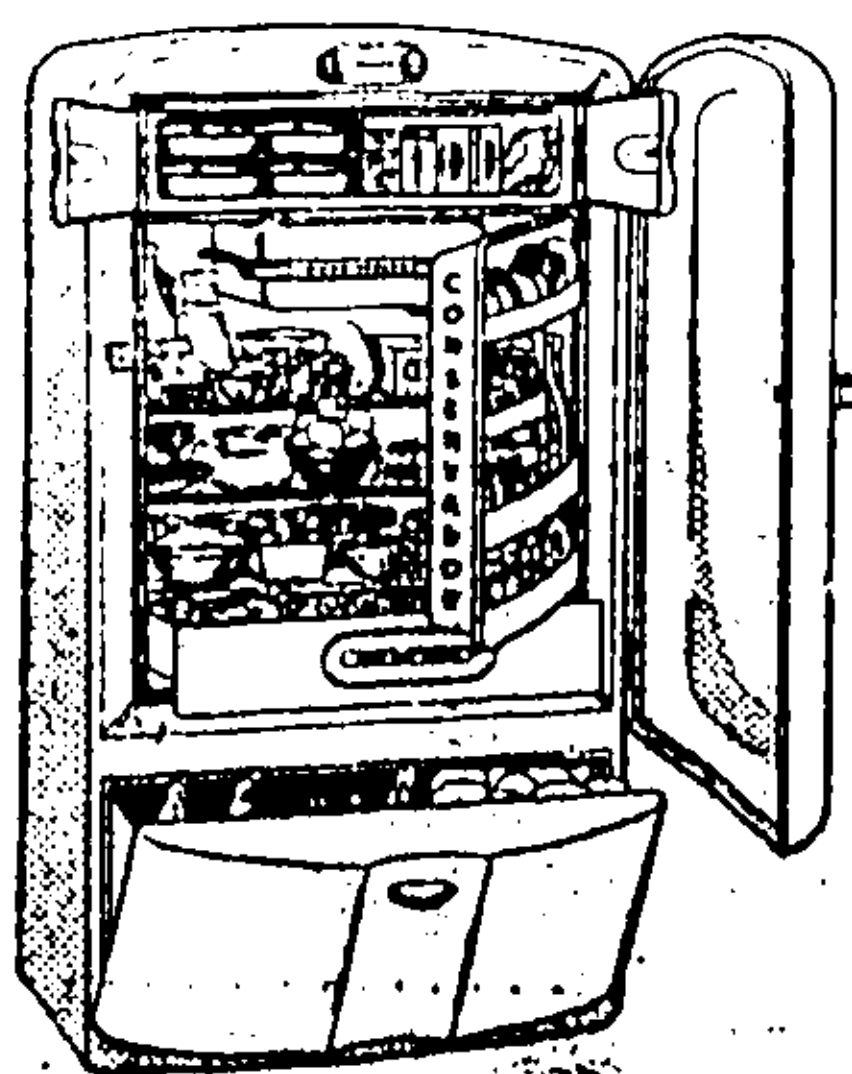
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Armies Locked From Mount Olympus To Albania

SAVING TIME OF SHIPPING

A move to overcome the shipping shortage has been taken by the Dutch colonies.

Shipments from the Netherlands East Indies to New York, which used to make the long voyage through the Panama Canal, will in future be directed to San Francisco, announced Batavia radio yesterday.

The goods would then be sent overland and a considerable saving of shipping time effected. — Reuter.

INDIAN AIR FORCE DEVELOPMENT

The scheme under which the civil aviation directorate will train 2,000 mechanics a year for the Indian Air Force is now well under way with approximately 750 trainees distributed between centres all over India.

In order to accommodate the increasing numbers and provide training facilities for a total of 2,000, other centres are shortly to be opened. — Reuter.

FRENCH SUBMARINES IN THE MOVE

Eye-witnesses in Gibraltar report that three French submarines and one destroyer headed westward through the Straits on Wednesday, presumably bound for Casablanca. — Reuter.

U.S.-CANADIAN JOINT DEFENCE

The completion of plans for the military and naval defence of the eastern and western coasts of Canada and the United States was announced by the Canada-United States Joint Permanent Defence Board in Montreal yesterday.

The Board "will from now on devote itself to keeping the plans up to date to meet changing conditions," said the announcement. — Reuter.

German Panzer Divisions Held

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

BATTLE IS NOW ENGAGED ON THE GREEK FRONT AND THE ITALO-GERMAN AND GRECO-BRITISH FORCES ARE LOCKED TOGETHER IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE OVER A LINE WHICH EXTENDS FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS TO THE ALBANIAN HILLS ON THE IONIAN SEA.

Much of this area is impenetrable for military operations, and it is a fact that an offensive has to follow certain roads and valleys, that gives the defence an opportunity of making the best use of its limited resources.

The weight of the German attack in tanks and motorised equipment is practically unlimited but they have soldiers who are already veterans of war against them, and the odds are not so desperate as the figures would seem to show.

As for the actual fighting, there is no official news on which to base any comment.

In Libya, the situation is also somewhat obscure although there are some bright features.

The presence of the British Navy is an important factor in all operations, and their gunnery at Sollum and Gazala

seems to have been very effective.

The complete obliteration of an Italian convoy suggests that the desperate need of the Libyan troops for supplies forced the Italians to take risks which they usually avoid.

Hitting Back

The fact that British troops are counter-attacking in the Sollum area shows that more forces are available and the British are beginning to hit back.

The Germans, after the great push from Benghazi to Bardia, will naturally have to pause to accumulate supplies and material before they can attack with the same vigour as at El Aghella.

British local superiority in the air is making this task one that is increasingly difficult and costly. If the Tobruk garrison can hold out it may be able to make the position of the German spearhead uncomfortable. — Reuter.

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SUMMARY OF SITUATION ON THE BATTLE FRONT

BITTER FIGHTING is raging in Northern Greece where the German mechanised hordes are hurling themselves furiously against the Anglo-Greek line.

But latest reports are to the effect that the line, although subjected to heavy pressure, still holds.

Australian troops are heavily engaged around the town of Servia, which is on the road from Kozani to Larissa, a few miles west of Mount Olympus, the right pivot of the Allied line.

They are said to be giving the Germans a good hammering.

The fiercest struggle, however, is in progress some 30 miles south-west of Servia, where the line bends towards Kalambaka, to which point the Berlin communique said the Germans were advancing.

Quoting news just received from the front, Athens radio last night said: "The right flank of the Allied Army in front of Katerini (on the Gulf of Salonika) to Servia is withstanding violent attacks by the German forces and is continually repulsing them with heavy losses in this area."

"One British armoured company brought down five German aircraft this afternoon."

THE RADIO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ON THE LEFT OF THE ALLIED ARMIES, GREEK TROOPS ARE RESISTING STEADFASTLY AND THE ENEMY HAS AT NO POINT GAINED ANY GROUND.

Most Serious Phase

Earlier the Greek Press Ministry issued a statement that the battle between the German and British forces had extended "all

along the front and had entered on the most serious phase.

The Germans had thrown their whole weight against the Allied forces and were suffering tremendous casualties.

The statement added that German pressure was being concentrated on three points—at Gevena (north of Kalambaka), south of the Haliakmon River, and west of Koritza.

Nazi Objective

Aim of the German column attacking the first region is the capture of Kalambaka.

The fighting, the statement continues, is equally violent in the Kozani area and on the old Albanian frontier, where German columns have appeared and have succeeded in capturing Kafekark Ridge.

THE R.A.F. IS CONTINUING ITS SPLENDID WORK IN BOMBING ENEMY COLUMNS AND IS INFLECTING GREAT DAMAGE ON TROOPS AND SUPPLIES.

In conclusion, the statement says all enemy attacks on the Italian front have been repulsed by the Greek with heavy losses on the enemy, and at no point have the Italians gained the slightest advantage. — Reuter.

Invasion Suspicion Roused By Violent Raid On London

SALVOES OF HEAVY BOMBS: THE ULSTER LINK

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON GREATER LONDON, DESCRIBED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND AS A REPRISAL FOR THE R.A.F. HAMMERING OF BERLIN ON APRIL 9, WAS OF A CHARACTER THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PRECEDE A NAZI INVASION.

Tons of high explosives were dropped not only in the metropolis itself but also in the outer suburbs, especially those to the south-east, where I was caught in the heaviest and most prolonged blitz this area has suffered.

Heavy bombs sometimes fell in salvoes, gashing the night with blinding flashes and an ear-splitting treble roar.

At the height of the attack before midnight, both sticks and salvoes came tumbling down together for fully an hour.

In the event of an invasion ordered for the morrow, it would be Hitler's threefold objective by a preliminary blitzing of London to create confusion and despondency on the eve of the event among the general public and to paralyse normal services and communications.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT ONE OR MORE OTHER LARGE CITIES OR AREAS WOULD BE ATTACKED ON THE SAME

SCALE AT THE SAME TIME OR AT LEAST ON SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS.

Ulster Too

One area might well be Northern Ireland, which the Luftwaffe blitzed on Tuesday night. Here the attempt would obviously be to create difficulties for the British Army in Northern Ireland had it to go to the rescue of Eire from an invasion thrust.

Greater London showed on Wednesday night that it will answer back to this ruthless method of attack in which far

VIGILANT OF EVENTS IN PACIFIC

The Australian Acting Premier, Mr. Fadden, stated in Melbourne yesterday, that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after the interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Pact and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific. Reuter.

greater material than military damage is likely to occur, as it has done to every past effort to blitz it to submission. Firemen, wardens, skilled workmen, Home Guards and the Services all strained every nerve to minimise the effect of the raid even while it was on.

THE ATTACK LASTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT THIS WOULD ENABLE MANY OF THE RAIDERS TO MAKE AS MANY AS THREE TRIPS FROM BASES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. REUTER.

GESTAPO AGENTS IN SHANGHAI

A number of German youths, mostly members of the Gestapo, arrived in Shanghai recently to conduct political activities, according to the Chinese newspaper "Cheng Yien Pao."

The newcomers supervised the recent Japanese parachute activities over the northern suburbs of Shanghai.

Well-informed foreign circles agree the parachutists are not for service in China but elsewhere, possibly the South Seas regions, adds the newspaper. Reuter.

U.S. NAVY AID

The U.S. Navy is "almost daily" issuing material to Britain from stocks in hand.

The Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, disclosed this while testifying before the Senate Defence Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, including new bases acquired from Britain, Col. Knox declared that work on them was "55 per cent complete on the average." Reuter.

"IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR"

A special Italian High Command communique, issued on Wednesday night stated "Following fierce fighting, divisions of the 11th Army vigorously resumed their advance on Wednesday morning after having broken through the first Greek resistance in the past three days.

"The whole enemy front is threatened." Reuter.

The Council of the H.K. Anti-Tuberculosis Association meets this evening in the Legislative Council Chamber at 5.15 p.m. The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will preside.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI'S EXPERIENCE IN BLITZ RAID

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, retiring Chinese Ambassador in London, informed Reuter yesterday he had received a telegram from the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow, stating Russia has no intention of changing her policy towards China or of discontinuing help.

In fact, Mr. Quo said, "I understand China was never mentioned in the Matsuoka conversations in Moscow."

Instead of going to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen's house at Sunningdale on Wednesday night, as he has usually done in recent months, Mr. Quo slept, or rather tried to sleep, at the Embassy.

He described the blitz as far the worst air raid he remembered. Fortunately, except for a few broken window-panes the Embassy was unscathed.

Mr. Quo received Reuter's representative in a room strewn with goodwill letters, telegrams, despatch cases and farewell presents, including signed portraits of the King and Queen in large silver frames and Mr. Churchill, and a great silver loving cup from a group of Chinese friends.

Most of these possessions will have to remain in London till after the war.

Farewell Calls

Mr. Quo spent the day chiefly in paying farewell visits, including to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Bevin and Mr. W. S. Morrison. Mr. Quo is leaving for China to-day.

It is not yet known when Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Ambassador, arrives. At present he is in Vichy and can only come via Spain and Portugal.

As China has not yet recognised General Franco's Government, Dr. Koo cannot claim diplomatic privileges in crossing Spain but will travel as a distinguished foreigner. Reuter.

ENEMY 'PLANES PAY VISIT TO MALTA

Enemy aircraft were thrice over Malta in the last 24 hours, a Junkers making a reconnaissance in the afternoon at a great height being engaged by A. A. fire. There is nothing further to report. Reuter.

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U.S. WARNED TO SECRECY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Colonel Knox, Secretary of the U.S. Navy Department, yesterday warned the American Press and radio to care in reference to British warship movements, in the United States for repairs.

Colonel Knox said that a closer veil of secrecy than was marked by the arrival in New York of H.M.S. Malaya must surround ships arriving for lease-and-lend repairs. They will enter ports in the future under the cover of darkness, and Col. Knox warned against non-cooperation by the Press and radio, which he implied might provoke "compulsory" censorship.

Public disclosure of the movements of British ships was obviously highly undesirable in order to prevent "very great loss of life and ships," he said, referring to the information which would be given to Germany of the strength of British naval units elsewhere.

It is indicated that the United States is giving close study to the British request to cover the Pacific trade route, thus releasing shipping for other parts of the world, while the arrival of H.M.S. Malaya "is only the beginning of a long train of vessels coming over to our yards, some for repair, some for overhaul." International News Service

HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI

The R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm carried out a heavy raid on Wednesday night on Tripoli, main base of the Italo-German force in Libya.

Shipping and harbour installations were the chief objectives. One medium-sized tanker was hit and the vessel burned fiercely for over an hour, says a Middle East communique.

There were many near misses to other shipping. Vessels anchored outside the harbour were attacked.

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TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR INDIANS

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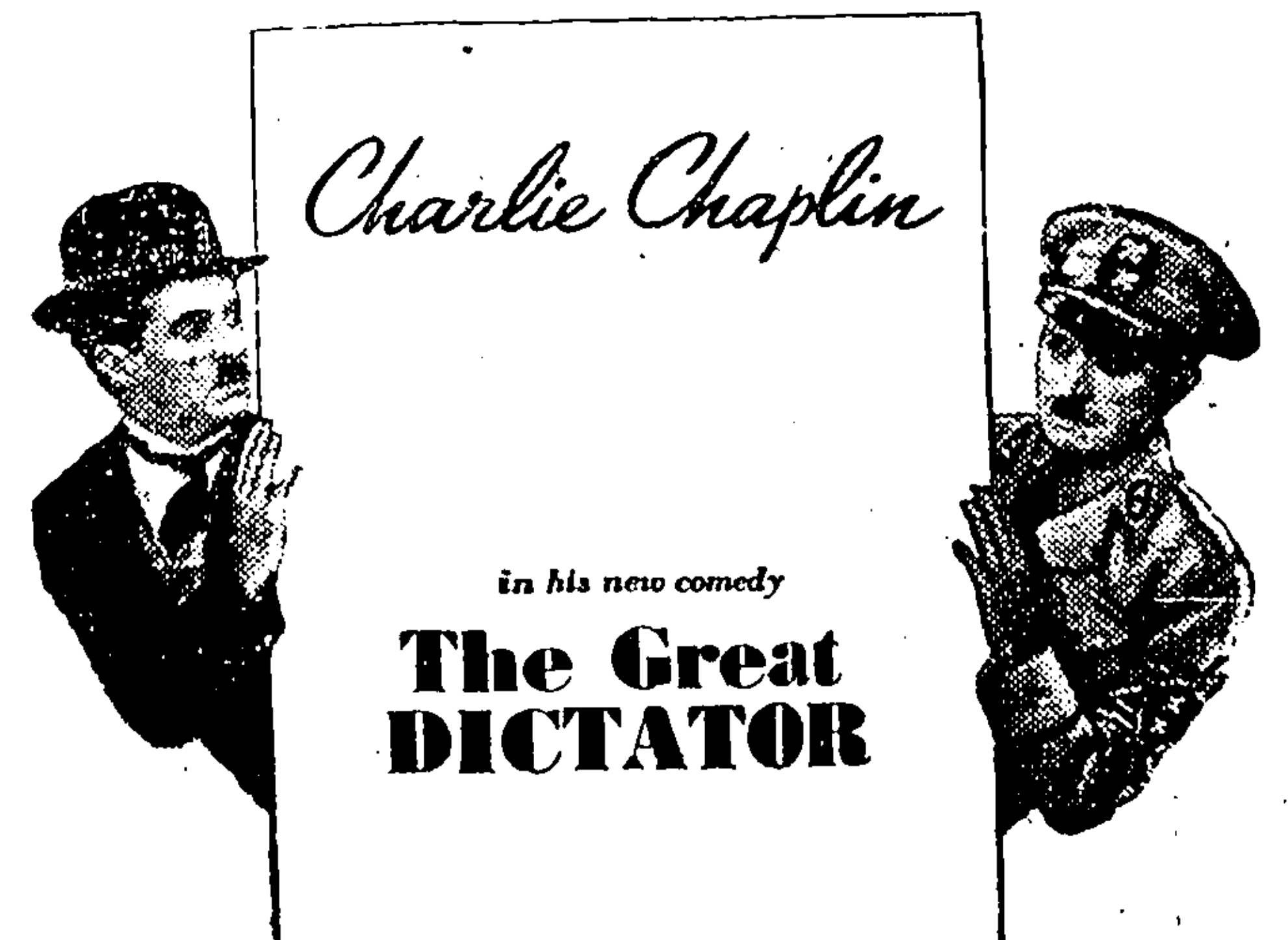
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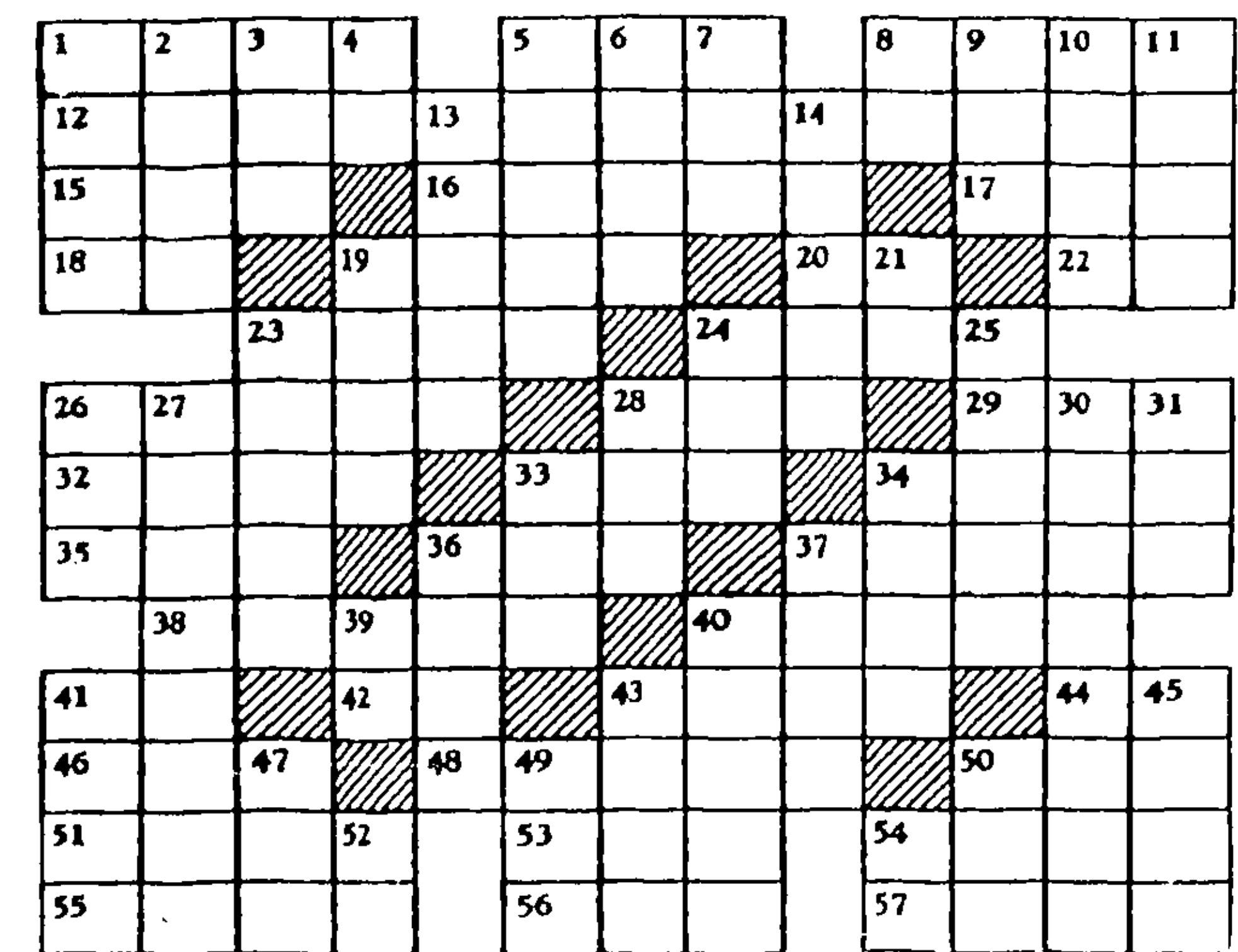
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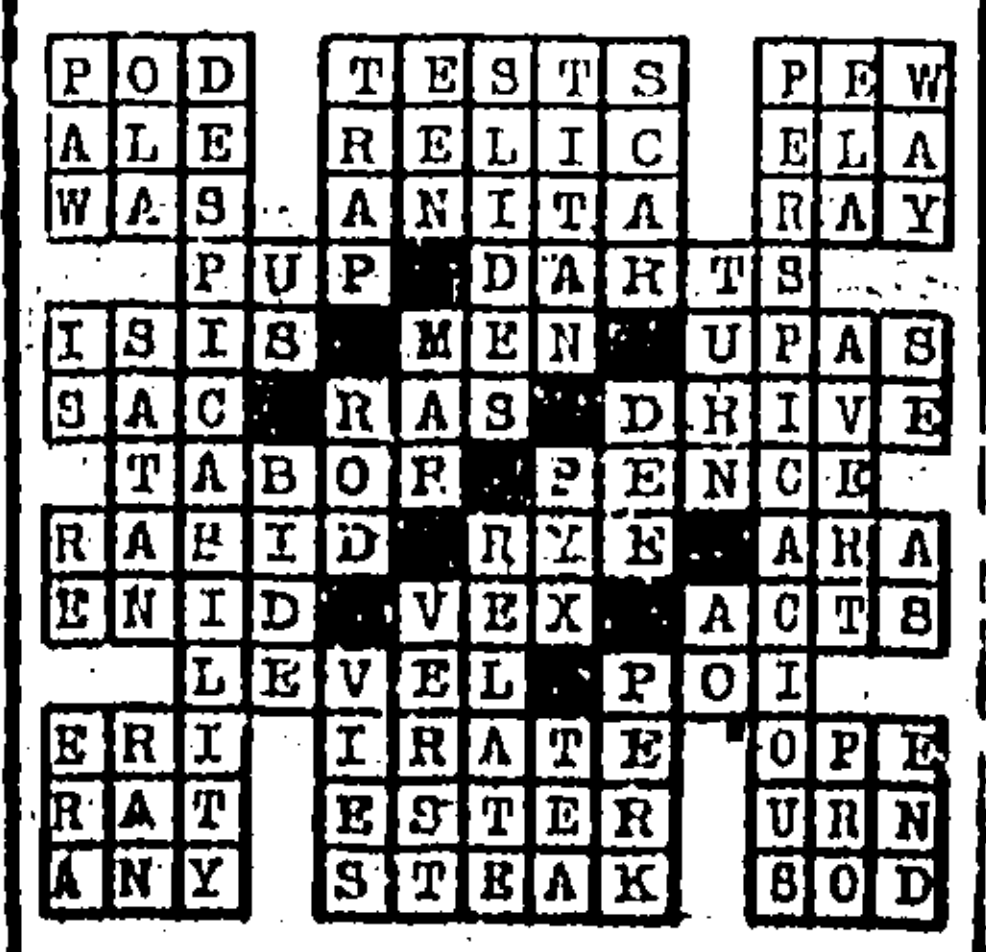
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



PERSECUTION IN BOHEMIA

Persecution of the Czechs was intensified after the establishment of the customs and monetary union between the Reich and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. Nearly 400 Catholic priests have been arrested. The arrests of Czech officials have been so numerous that the "Protector" Neunath was obliged to introduce special measures to prevent a collapse of the administrative machinery. The number of Czech books, which must not be read, bought or translated is now increased to 1500; among them is the Collected Sermons of John Hus, which the censor describes as "a religious work more than 500 years old."

The Rectors and Deans of the Czech universities have been told that their posts are now cancelled. They are to receive pensions. Their dismissal appears to indicate that the authorities do not intend to reopen the universities, which last year were closed ostensibly for a period of three years. The words of the Secretary of State, K. H. Frank, are recalled: when a deputation asked him to re-open the universities he replied: "If we lose the war you will open them yourselves, and if we win the war the elementary schools will be enough for you." Czech professors and students are forbidden to enter the important libraries, the treasures of which have already been sent to Germany.

In spite of this further persecution the Nazis endeavour to be persuasive through severely controlled Czech newspapers. The Czechs are told that a special place will be found for them in the "new order" under German leadership. German hegemony, the newspapers declare, means European unity, and European unity means unified economics, unified currency, unified transport. Only Great Britain stands in the way of European unity. Workers are urged to join the "Fight against Finance-Capital" and the "Rebellion of Poor Nations against British-Jewish Plutocracy." An appeal is also made to the former land-owners of Czechoslovakia, leaders of the Agrarian Party, to behave well and they will receive part of the Jewish-property which has been confiscated. Bohemian writers are also particularly urged to support the "new order." "Dynamism," they are told, should appeal to them. Why should they show sympathy with the outworn concepts of Democracy and Equality? Finally why should they ignore the prospects of handsome royalties? They are free to write what they will, so long as they undertake not to offend Germany. Recently a group of Czech writers were invited to make a tour in Germany. Not one eminent Czech joined the party.

This policy of alternating persecution and persuasion is pursued against a background of financial anxiety and economic despair. Berlin ignores the fact that Bohemia is facing a famine. The requisitioning of the grain harvest and its transfer to Germany continue. It is estimated that the supplies of grain in the Protectorate are about 200,000 gross tons below the level needed for feeding the Czech population until next year's harvest is ready. The Czech banks, no longer in a position to assist industry or agriculture, have been ordered to provide a war loan of 600,000,000 marks. The bankers have been told that this amount was fixed by a quota system. It was made clear they would be sent to concentration camps and their banks would be closed if they did not subscribe the 600,000,000 marks promptly.

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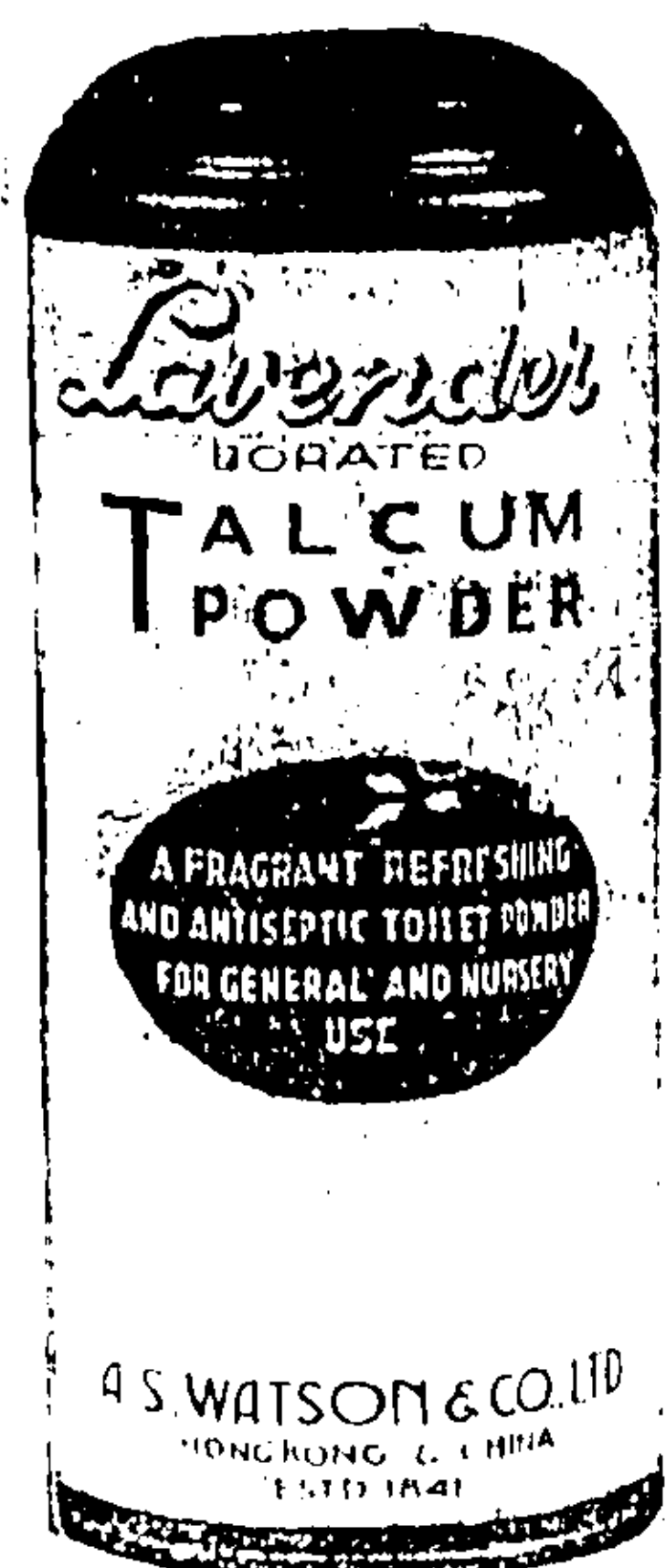
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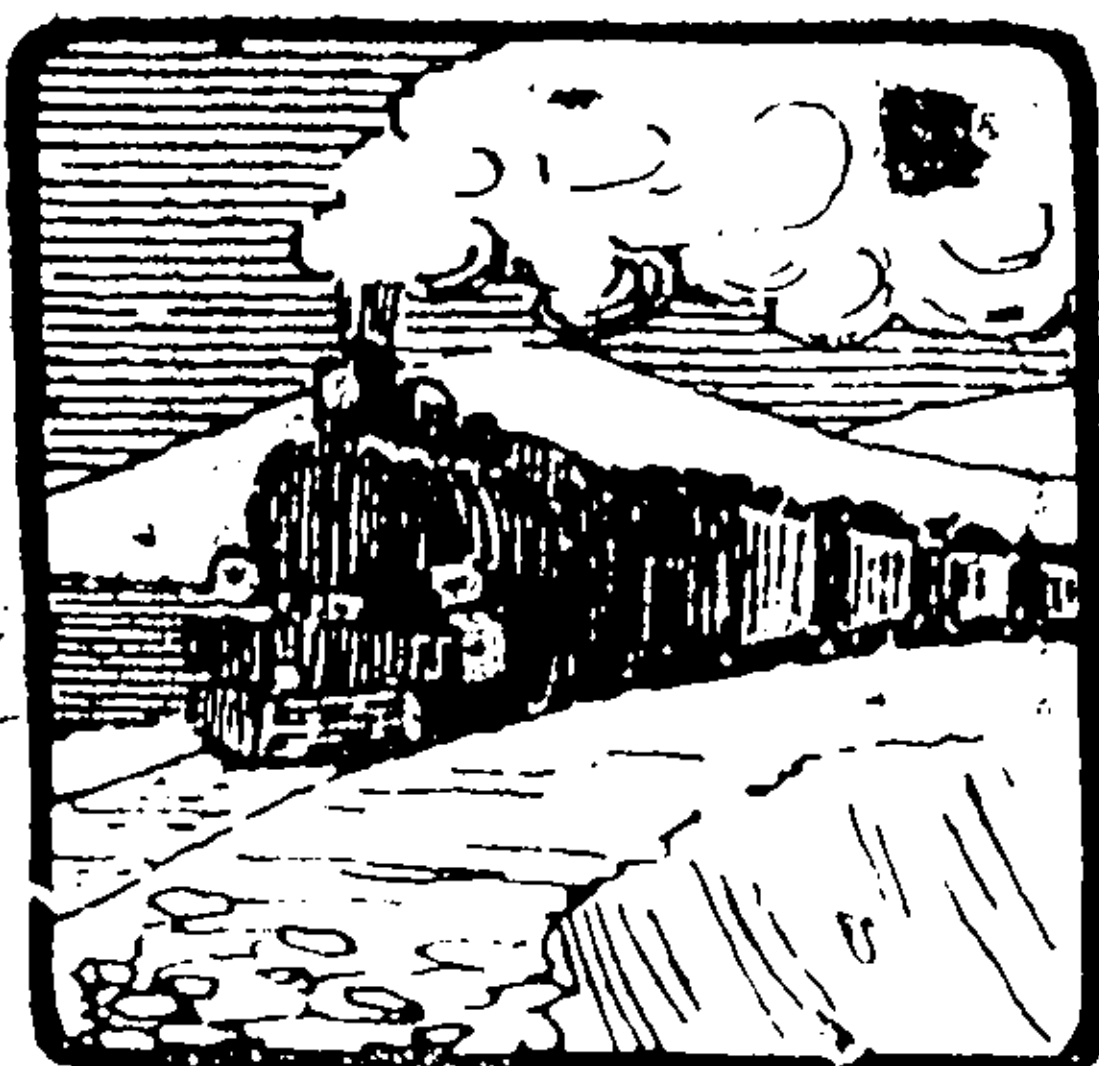
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JAPANESE GRASPING AT STRAWS

(This is the third of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

THE JAPANESE PEOPLE TO-DAY ARE PERPETUALLY GRASPING AT STRAWS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS PLACED UPON THEM BY NEARLY FOUR YEARS OF WAR.

For the first time in Japan's modern history, her common subjects are experiencing the hardships, the sorrow and disillusionment which spread chaos across Europe after world war I. Their struggles to escape are natural; the method they may adopt has dangerous possibilities.

Domestic unrest is equally responsible with national poverty for the array of quack cures that political doctors are attempting to apply to a sick state the spartan-like "new domestic structure," the throne assistance movement and dissolution of political parties; planned economy, including strict regulation of profits and production, and even adherence to the tripartite pact. Most important is the people's illogical and almost pathetic faith in the "co-prosperity" to justify their sacrifices under the idealist slogans of the China affair.

Divine Mission

Army-promoted politicians fed the sphere conception to the public as an enlargement of their "divine mission of freeing the oppressed peoples of Asia" which started with the China hostilities. Further, they have told the people bluntly and plainly that Japan needs the oil and rubber of the Dutch East Indies, as well as other Asiatic raw materials, for Japan's continued existence as a "highly organized defence state."

Now the army has been trapped by its propaganda. Generalisations are almost impossible about the Japanese, but all who have watched their national life during the past year are convinced that the idea of a "co-prosperity sphere" has been accepted so ardently that it must be accomplished without bloodshed. His faith has not been slackened by the flat rejections of the East Indies and Thailand. The sphere idea merely represents new hope for a tired people, and they have embraced it almost fervently.

Realities

No one can say when the people's patience will be exhausted. They have carried their burdens thus far with remarkable docility.

For more than two years no important victories have been scored in China. During this time taxes have soared; thousands of boys have come home, crippled, blind or in little white urns; acute shortages have arisen in rice, fuel, sugar, milk, eggs and countless other essentials; "black market" operations have become scandalous; war profiteers and high paid munitions workers throw their money about with scant regard for underpaid witnesses.

These things are hopelessly real to the people. They are asking more questions, when the gendarmerie cannot hear them. There is increased sullenness and dissatisfaction; the army no longer is revered with blind devotion, although none yet dares criticise it openly.

State of Mind

To combat this state of mind, the government—with the army always behind it—has encouraged the growth of superpatriotism. The people are told to harden their lives in order to share the "hardships at the front." Amusements have been curtailed, the sale of luxury products banned, the public display of personal money discouraged. Bars are not allowed to open before 5 p.m. daily—and three hours later the streets of the Ginza are filled with roving, singing drunks. Some persons have been slapped publicly for refusing to eat the un-

palatable rice served in "bento," the Japanese box lunch.

Behind this, of course, is the necessity to conserve dwindling supplies and reduce new demands. Medicinal products, for instance, are strictly rationed, with first choice always given to expectant mothers for gauze, disinfectants, etc.

Fundamental Question

The bulk of the people accept unavoidable hardships with only a normal amount of grumbling. But they oppose by passive resistance attempts to force them into a patriotic mould. Since the outbreak of hostilities, superpatriots have attempted to convince all men to clip their hair and wear national uniforms, while the women should forego permanent waves and other "frivolities" in order to show their sincerity. To-day, long and waved hair is the rule and uniforms are seen in Tokyo on about five out of every 100 men.

Theatres are constantly packed, restaurants and beer halls jammed and geisha, the professional entertainers, constantly employed, despite numerous government decrees which are designed to hobble these activities. This is one of countless illustrations proving the failure of many attempts toward "national spiritual mobilisation" by which the authorities had hoped to quiet their restless people.

Each new idea is tried briefly, then discarded or amended. Attention is momentarily diverted, but it soon returns to the fundamental question—when will the war and our suffering end?

Nanking A Letdown

The emergence of Wang Ching-wei as head of the Nanking puppet government created tremendous optimism throughout the country. The people believed that the end was in sight. But hope died quickly when it became evident that the new government could have no effect upon the war. The letdown was apparent even to the foreigners in Tokyo.

During succeeding months the authorities used many other "red herrings" to catch the common man's attention—anti-British propaganda, espionage " scares," anti-American propaganda, an appeal to return to the customs of old Japan, numerous eulogies of the "divinity" of the Japanese race, and finally active collaboration with Axis partners in a worldwide "new order" superseding the previous idea of a new order for Asia only.

In the middle of all this came the "co-prosperity sphere" conception. It is the only one which has lasted, except for the large idea that Japan should support Italy and Germany—for their return cooperation—in bringing the same "blessings" to Europe.

Germans Detested

To-day, the Japanese as a whole detest the arrogant Germans who have come in hordes to their country. They pity the Italians whom they generally consider "inferior." The common people still treat Americans better than all other foreigners, but their resentment against Britain persists, because they believe the China affair is partially a campaign against British imperialism in Asia.

The tripartite pact is not po-

EAGLE FEATHERS SENT R.A.F. BY U.S. INDIANS

Eagle feathers from the United States have been awarded to a small group of Royal Air Force pilots especially distinguished in air combat against Britain's foes, as Indian symbols of courage.

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PRIEST'S SECRET CODE: FINED £20

A secret code by which, it was stated, information could be sent out of the country, was found in the possession of a young Roman Catholic priest on his arrival by air at a Barton (Lancashire) aerodrome from Dublin.

He was Father George Colum McCabe, aged twenty-six, of St. Ambrose's Rectory, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster. He was fined £20 at Eccles.

Airport officials said that the document, giving a code and its key, was found in Father McCabe's wallet.

Father McCabe said it was a private arrangement between his father and himself—so that he could let his father know he was safe in any period of anxiety.

pular, for the Japanese still remember how Germany "double-crossed" them by signing the Russian non-aggression pact in 1939. Hence their willingness to go along with the Axis to formulate a "new order" is based strictly on business; the extent that Germany and Italy can help them to acquire the areas they need for the "co-prosperity sphere."

Those areas have not been defined. The people assume that it will include at the minimum French Indo-China, Thailand, East Indies and possibly Malaya.

Expansionist military men are known to also include the Philippines but the common man has paid little attention thus far to these islands.

Revolution Possible?

If the sphere is not consolidated some time—how soon cannot be accurately predicted—internal pressure will swell more rapidly than in the past, as war burdens increase. Revolution is possible, and some Japanese quarters hope for one, to remove the influence of rampant imperialists. A series of assassinations, eliminating key men in and behind the government, is more likely. Both of these developments could occur in the name of patriotic duty to the emperor—whom the Japanese revere as a god—by removing the advisors guilty of giving him poor advice.

But the army always has been responsive to internal dissatisfaction. Most of its modern campaigns, including the first Sino-Japanese war, were timed to give domestic pressure a new outlet. The same policy is being followed to-day, although more slowly than the jingoists want, because Anglo-American opposition is too stiff.

The expansionists may continue to feel their way comparatively slowly, as at present. But there is no reason to believe that they will stop, unless new warfare is precipitated or unless some clever bureaucrat thinks of another way to divert the people.

To stop short of complete consolidation of the "co-prosperity sphere" would mean the imminent danger of a domestic upheaval which probably would strip the army of all the power that it has gained by killing hundreds of thousands of peasant boys.

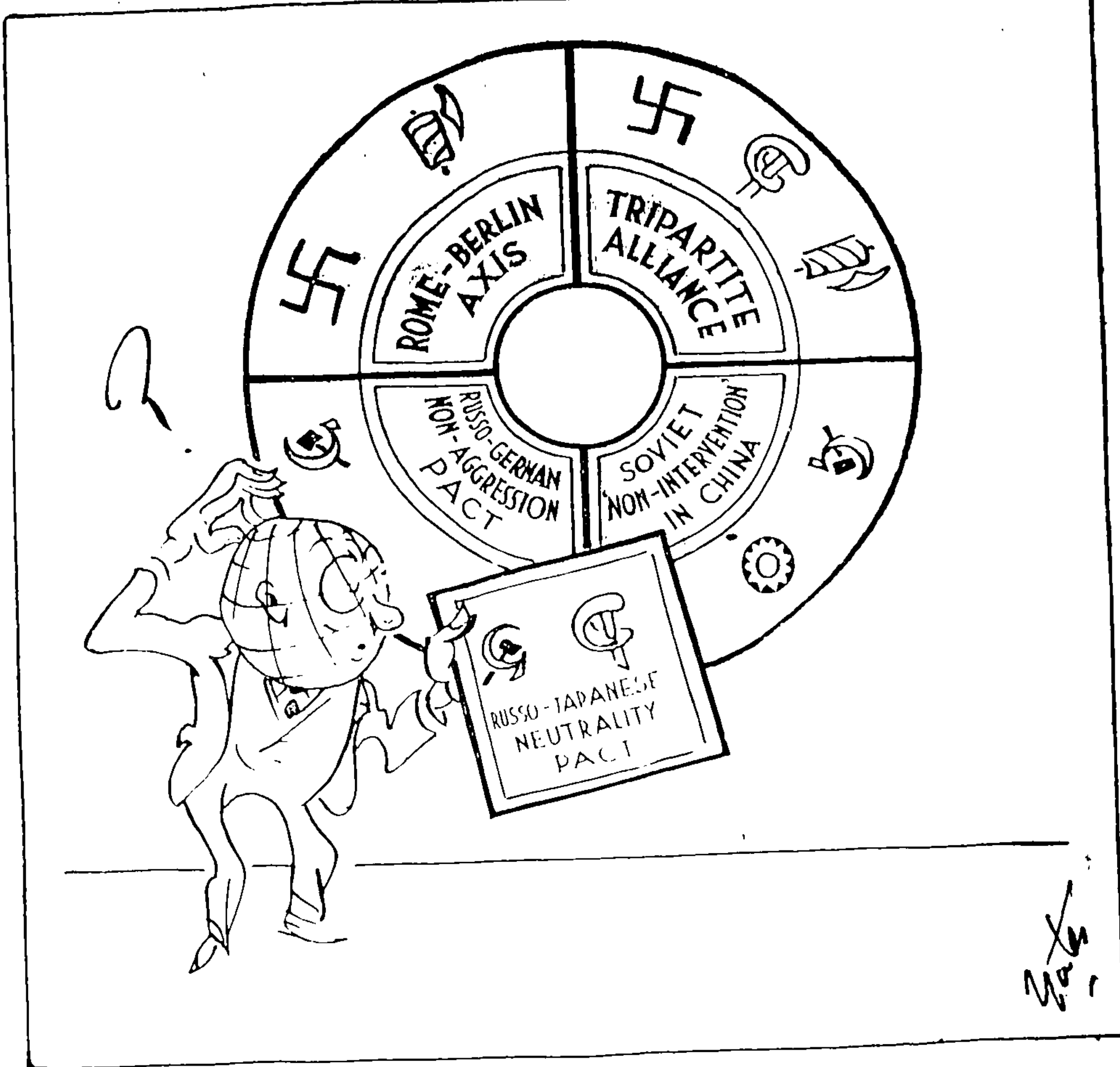
CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

SECOND SPRING

There can be no come-back for Italy in this war, and this means that as a military weapon the Axis is broken. The threat of the double-edged sword works no longer. Ten months after the black week when Britain was left to carry on the combat without allies Germany reached the point where she too must fight alone. Not one of the pacts Hitler has schemed to achieve, from the deal with the Soviets to the boomerang treaty with the Yugoslavs, has given him another ally. Now, deprived of the aid of Italy, even as a decoy to hold the British fleet in the Mediterranean, Germany must rely entirely on her own armed forces. This is a fact of capital importance, comparable only to the fall of France. In the first Spring of the war, few would have dared predict that the second Spring would open on a turning of the tables as momentous.

This collapse cannot be retrieved by retaking outposts in the Libyan desert. The British forces can take their stand as far back as Mersa Matruh without losing either the real prestige gained by their Mediterranean victories or the controlling position they now occupy in Africa. From now on they will fight only Germans, or Germans plus mutinous Italians whipped on by Germans, and even the Reichswehr and the Luftwaffe, were they twice as powerful as they are, cannot win everywhere at once. They cannot overcome another portentous fact, which is that Britain is finding allies as the Nazis are losing them.

It might be argued, indeed, that the Italian people are their allies. For it is clear to any observer that the reason Italy crumples up is not lack of courage, lack of equipment, or lack of generalship. Nor can Italian defeats be wholly explained by the superior strength and skill of the British Navy or the fierce heroism of the Greeks. Forced into this conflict against their will, against the judgment of the General Staff, against the feeling of the people, the Italian armies simply lacked the heart and the incentive to fight. The people realised before their rulers did that they could not beat Britain unless Germany won, and if Germany won they themselves were beaten. On the home front they de-



"NOW, WHERE DOES THIS THING FIT?"

Testimony Of Colonel Lindbergh

By
Harold Laski

We have been reading, from full American reports, the testimony of Colonel Lindbergh to the Congressional Committee on the "Peace and Lend" Bill. Quite obviously, Colonel Lindbergh is entitled to the view that a drawn battle is the best outcome of the war, no one can invalidate the findings of an aviator's experience. Quite obviously also, he is entitled to speak to Congress of the immense air power of Germany which he saw for himself three years ago. What is bound to puzzle an outsider is the range of the subject matter upon which Colonel Lindbergh speaks with the assumed authority of an expert. That he is an aviator of unsurpassed brilliance and courage no one needs to be told. That he has thought hard upon the problems of aviation is obvious from his experience since his Transatlantic flight. That, since his achievement, he has mingled much with those to whom the issues of international politics are the staple of conversation, one need not doubt.

What is surprising to the outsider is the implication that this experience makes Colonel Lindbergh an authority upon a range of questions each of which depends for its answer upon factors the knowledge of which can hardly have come his way. The part that sea power will play in this war; the part that economic strain will have; those psychological impalpables of which those most experienced in the ways of government will take most account; the reaction of Italian de-

cided long ago that it was better to lose to the British than the Germans, and against this conviction neither Fascist propaganda nor Nazi police power could build up a fighting front. The unwillingness of the Italians to fight is as significant in its way as the action of the Serbs. What finally happens in the Balkans is relatively of little final account, the first signs of the second Spring look pretty ominous for Hitler.

test on France and Transatlantic Germany; its consequence on the Balkan. Colonel Lindbergh an expert upon the air? He knows little of the new Britain that has been forged in the furnace of disaster. He knows less of the mounting volume of resources at our disposal. He has never had to undergo any careful examination upon what Mr Justice Holmes would have called the "articulate major premises of his thinking."

In no sense a specialist in the realm into which he has ventured, he makes judgments about issues full knowledge about which is not only outside his competence, but outside that of any one in the United States save a small official circle. To an Englishman, the use of his authority in a limited field as a basis upon which to advise the legislature of the United States indicates an attitude of mind which marks an amazing self-confidence.

As Asquith once said of Lord Curzon that he had a "conscious knowledge of effortless superiority." It is difficult not to feel that something of the same quality is revealed by Colonel Lindbergh in his evidence.

Does That Matter?

He gives us conclusions; he ought to give us fully the argument for his conclusions. He wants peace by negotiation. What leads him to believe that Hitler would keep his pledged word.

Does he think, what reason has he to think, that Hitler would restore to the occupied countries that way of life to the maintenance of which we are pledged?

Or does he not think that restoration is worth the effort? He does not think a British victory possible. Would Colonel Lindbergh, seven months ago, have thought possible so massive a catastrophe as that which Italy has suffered in Africa? In effect, his attitude is a plea for America

to use her influence to compel a compromise with the dictators. That means leaving Hitler in being with his Gestapo and his concentration camps.

Does that not matter to Colonel Lindbergh? Does he know what they are like? Has he ever talked with those who have been their victims? More important still has he, after the last eight years, a belief that democracy and dictatorships can successfully live side by side? Most important of all, when he speaks of the defence of America does he imply in that defence, the safeguarding of American democracy? Or does he separate in his mind defence of the American nation from the defence of American democracy?

It was, I think, John Bright who said the worst of great thinkers was that they so seldom thought greatly.

The danger of eminent aviators is that they associate competence in a particular technique with the right to pronouncements on omniscience. We think Professor Urey a great chemist; but we do not think that gives him a right to speak expertly about American foreign policy. We think that Miss Edna Millay is a charming poet; but that gives no special weight to her opinion on America's housing problem. And, in the same way, when we in this country are fighting for our national existence, we cannot but think it presumptuous on Colonel Lindbergh's part to announce the answers to equations most of the variables in which are unknown to him and wholly outside his experience.

A Prejudice

No doubt some of our indignation is the outcome of our view that Colonel Lindbergh has no special friendliness for the principles for which we stand in this conflict. That prejudices us about him.

But we think he has said too much or too little. Too much, if what he says represents all he claims to know; for he knows little more than the competent reader of the press. Too little, if he wants a real assessment of his claim to speak. He ought to give us the whole of his mind. But I doubt if he will risk the dangers of that exposure.

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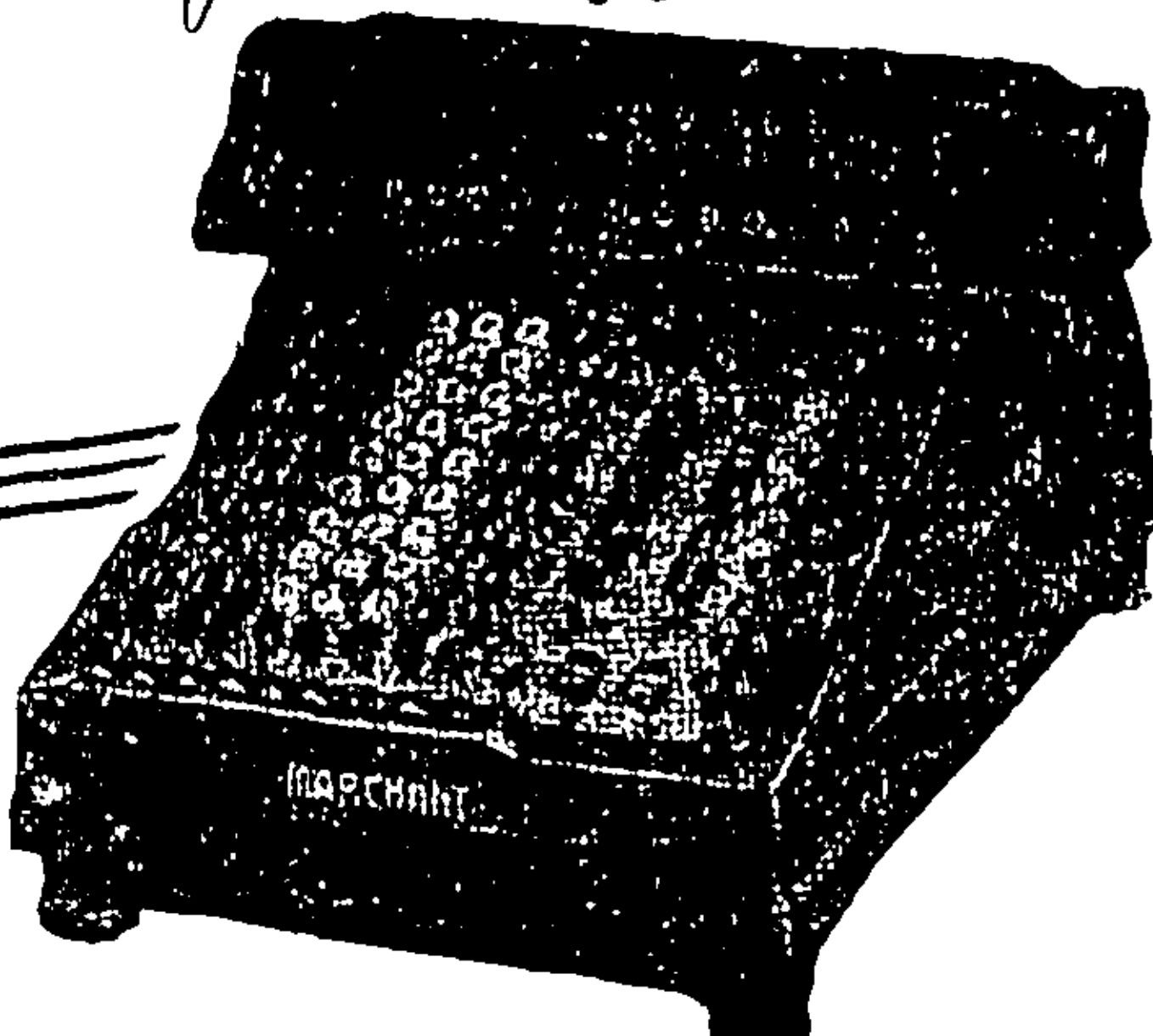
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THE WORLD HAS HEARD OF MR. TOMPKINS!

(By A Special Correspondent)

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Listeners on the Ankara wavelength must have got a shock at 1.10 a.m. when a voice was suddenly heard shouting, "Tompkins, Tompkins, TOMPKINS, we have just discovered that your clock is thirty seconds slow. Are you listening? Do you know your clock is thirty seconds slow?"

Evidently Tompkins was not listening, for minute after minute Ankara called him to no avail.

Then Ankara switched over: "Are you listening, New York?" called the announcer. "We have just discovered that Tompkins' clock in Athens is thirty seconds slow and we can't make him hear." This was repeated in agonised tones for about a minute.

The story behind all the fuss about the clock in Athens was this. National Broadcasting Company of New York at 1.15 every morning relays the American reports on international affairs by its correspondents in different capitals. This can only be done without overlapping by timing in seconds.

In Blissful Ignorance

The powerful Ankara radio is the control station for the Balkans and uses the ten minutes before broadcasting starts to check up with its correspondents. Tompkins, who was first on the air, had evidently left for the microphone before the fault in his clock was discovered and was in blissful ignorance.

Later, the Ankara announcer, having given a detailed account of the Turkish-Bulgarian Pact and said "Good-bye" to America, was immediately switched off the air by N.B.C. His next words were in an aggrieved tone: "Tompkins, your clock WAS thirty seconds slow and you didn't listen to me." Poor Tompkins!

"U.S. NOW FACING SOCIAL WAR"

Virginio Gayda asserted in an editorial that American aid to Great Britain has threatened to start a social war in the United States. The Fascist editor and writer said that strikes in the United States were "disorganising war production and delaying deliveries of supplies urgently awaited by England."—Associated Press.

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ARMY HAS A PUZZLE CORNER

(By A Special Correspondent)

A SOLDIER with an injured right hand and a furrowed brow marched into the Services information office in Trafalgar Square.

"Excuse me, sir," he said to the officer on duty. "I've hurt my right hand and can't salute. Am I allowed to salute with the left hand?"

Not often during the long hours in which the office is open do they get entertaining questions like that. Most of the inquiries relate to routine Service matters or to transport difficulties.

But now and again the unusual walks into the offices—such as a soldier who had escaped from the Nazis.

For some reason, he had been sent straight on leave when he reached England, and he came to ask whether anybody would be interested in his experiences.

29 BRITONS DIE IN ITALY

Twenty-nine deaths have occurred among the British communities in the concentration camps and internment centres in Italy, Rome radio announced.

This is considered a low figure in view of the fact that the average age of the 2,300 British subjects in Italy is fifty-six. General health, said the announcer, has been good. —Reuter.

DYING, WROTE TO MOTHER

As he lay dying in hospital, an RAF air gunner wrote this letter to his mother:

My Dearest Mother: By the time you receive this letter you will no doubt know the news. But I want you to keep your chin up and keep smiling.

You know, dear, that a war cannot be fought without the loss of lives, but those lives are never given in vain.

They are given so that Britain shall still remain the first land in the whole world, and, come what may, nothing can alter the dignity and love for peace and security that is a Britisher's heritage.

So remember, darling, I along with others died so that our loved ones shall be safe and secure for all time, and, in years to come, others will die for the ones they love most.

Well, darling, with my dying breath, I'll pray that our sacrifice was not in vain and I'll say: God bless you, dearest of all mothers.

Your loving son,

ALF

ALF was Sergeant Alfred Harrison son of Mrs. Harrison, of Edwin Street, Nottingham.

TROUSERS FOR GIRLS O.K'D

Admiral Sir Henri Bruce approves of women war workers wearing trousers.

He told a conference of British Legion women from the Metropolitan area in London:

"War always affects women's fashions. In the last war one thing which was very noticeable was that women's skirts were shortened many inches."

"In this war again many women have discarded skirts altogether and are wearing trousers. I quite agree with that change because the work they are called upon to do is dangerous work, where draperies would be absolutely suicidal."

EXPLOIT ON MANOEUVRES

TOUGHNESS OF THE BRITISH INFANTRYMAN

A BRITISH infantry division, on manoeuvres "somewhere in England," has achieved a feat that had not been thought possible, either in manoeuvres or in actual warfare. It passed by night through a gap broken in the "enemy" front by other troops — a task normally assigned to an armoured division and usually carried out in daylight.

This division was brought up secretly from a considerable distance behind the front, and under cover of an exceptionally dark night pushed quickly and quietly through the gap which the enemy was still defending with scattered mobile units. After the manoeuvres the Ulster-born General commanding told how well satisfied he was with an operation which he alone, until then, had believed possible. "Nothing is impossible," he said. "But you must know how."

The assumption was that the British division was to have been cut down. Meanwhile, B.E.F. attacked the enemy's position, a difficult and dangerous task. The Ulster-born General, in the north, and the South Lancashire, in the south, the Guards came through the front, Ulster units to intensify the pressure on the enemy.

Attack On Bridges

Surprise and secrecy were essential. The assembly took place on a certain day at a considerable distance behind the front. On the afternoon and night of the same day the troops moved up into their concentration area 15 miles from the front. The advance was to be made in one bound under cover of darkness. On the line of the enemy front was a large river, swollen by recent rains, overflowing its banks. Two days previously the B.E.F. had succeeded in crossing the river north of the gap, and the enemy had since withdrawn to his main defensive positions, leaving behind a brigade to hold a position on the east river bank until dark two days after the day of the B.E.F. concentration. On the west bank of the river were the brigade's mobile detachments trying to prevent the B.E.F. reaching the two main bridges before daylight of the day after the B.E.F. concentration. Thus the seizure of the bridges by night became all-important, since a daylight passage would be impossible in face of enemy fire.

"D" Company of a battalion of The Royal Ulster Rifles was chosen for the job. About 40 of the original company which distinguished themselves at Louvain in May, 1940, were still with the unit. The company had to throw out one of the two prongs which had to be pushed forward on either side of the main attack against the northern bridge in an attempt to surprise those holding the bridge and destroy the bridge-blowing equipment. For eight hours the drivers took their lines of vehicles through cold and damp, testing both them and the troops they carried. The convoy came to rest in a small village, where the men were fed. After midnight they moved off first by convoy, then on foot, in utter darkness and as silently as possible. The main group pushed along the road, crushing isolated enemy resistance wherever they found it. The "suicide squad" (as the company had been called) struck off across six miles of country, guided only by luminous compasses.

A Swift Rush

At 5.57 a.m.—three minutes before the time planned—the squad was at the bridge, unseen and ready. A swift rush out of the darkness gave them possession, and the bridge-destroying material was itself destroyed before any defender had time to reach it. (There were some harsh words later on; the umpires credited the destruction of the bridge to Fifth Columnists!)

An enemy counter-attack regained the bridge, but by 9 o'clock it was in the hands of the B.E.F. for good. The southern bridge was also taken and retaken until finally secured at 1 p.m. This meant a slackening of the advance,

but in the end it was to have been cut down. Meanwhile, B.E.F. attacked the enemy's position, a difficult and dangerous task. The Ulster-born General, in the north, and the South Lancashire, in the south, the Guards came through the front, Ulster units to intensify the pressure on the enemy.

All day long, and all night, mopping up continued before the bridgeheads and along the eastern river bank. At dawn, the crossing side, the division launched an offensive eastwards towards the enemy's main line of defence on the high ground to the east. By 4 p.m. all positions were won and the battle ended. The weather had helped by keeping away enemy aircraft, but the B.E.F.'s machines were also grounded. Artillery had been of little use, but the weather had favoured the use of very highly trained infantry.

100 Per Cent Fit

The men of The Royal Ulster Rifles and the South Lancashires were so thoroughly trained and so fit that they carried on from the morning of the attack until the afternoon two days afterwards without sleep, going through the next day on the small amount of food in their haversacks. That, said the corps commander, was the only way to train men nowadays so that they could go 48 hours without sleep or rest except for what they could snatch at odd moments. The soldier must be physically and mentally and militarily fit in order to carry out his tasks. Otherwise it was no good going to war. The commander's system of training to toughen his troops provides that every man in his Command—from general to private—shall ensure fitness by doing a seven-mile cross-country run every week.

Some 25,000 men and 3,500 vehicles took part in the manoeuvres.

GREEKS RESCUED BRITISH GIRLS

(From An Athens Correspondent)

TWO BRITISH sisters—15-years-old Elizabeth and 12-years-old Helen Grimes—who were rescued from the Italians by the advancing Greek forces, are to-day the happiest children in Athens. With their parents they have just arrived in the Greek capital after months' of sufferings since Italy declared war.

They were the only British children in Albania and lived in Santi Quaranta, where their father had a cigarette factory.

The family were interned and the children banned from the local school. Ten days later they were all moved inland to Delvina, where, three weeks ago, I found them destitute.

"Lived In Terror"

They had been unable to make contact with the British authorities since the Greeks occupied the town. On my return from the

WAITED 40 YEARS TO WED

The man who waited forty years has just been married—to his first and only love. Through all those years he remained true to her, though she had married another.

At the beginning of the century Alec John Arkell, 40 years old, became engaged to Miss Ann Derbyshire, daughter of a Crewe tradesman.

There was a misunderstanding, and the engagement was broken off.

Mr. Arkell put that down to mischievous talk by someone who gave him the reputation of a flirt. So he set about proving that that was untrue. He swore he would never marry anyone but Ann.

Mrs. Derbyshire married Mr. H. C. Dentith, a successful young business man.

The years rolled by with Mrs. Dentith happy in her home and marriage and Mr. Arkell keeping to his determination not to marry anyone if he could not have Ann.

He devoted himself to his business in the leather trade in Stafford.

A year ago Mr. Dentith died. Some months later Mr. Arkell met Mrs. Dentith at Stafford Station and they spent a couple of hours together.

They became engaged again on November 21, more than forty years after their first engagement.

Now they have been married at St. Andrew's Church, Crewe.

"I am as much in love as I was all those years ago," Mr. Arkell told a reporter.

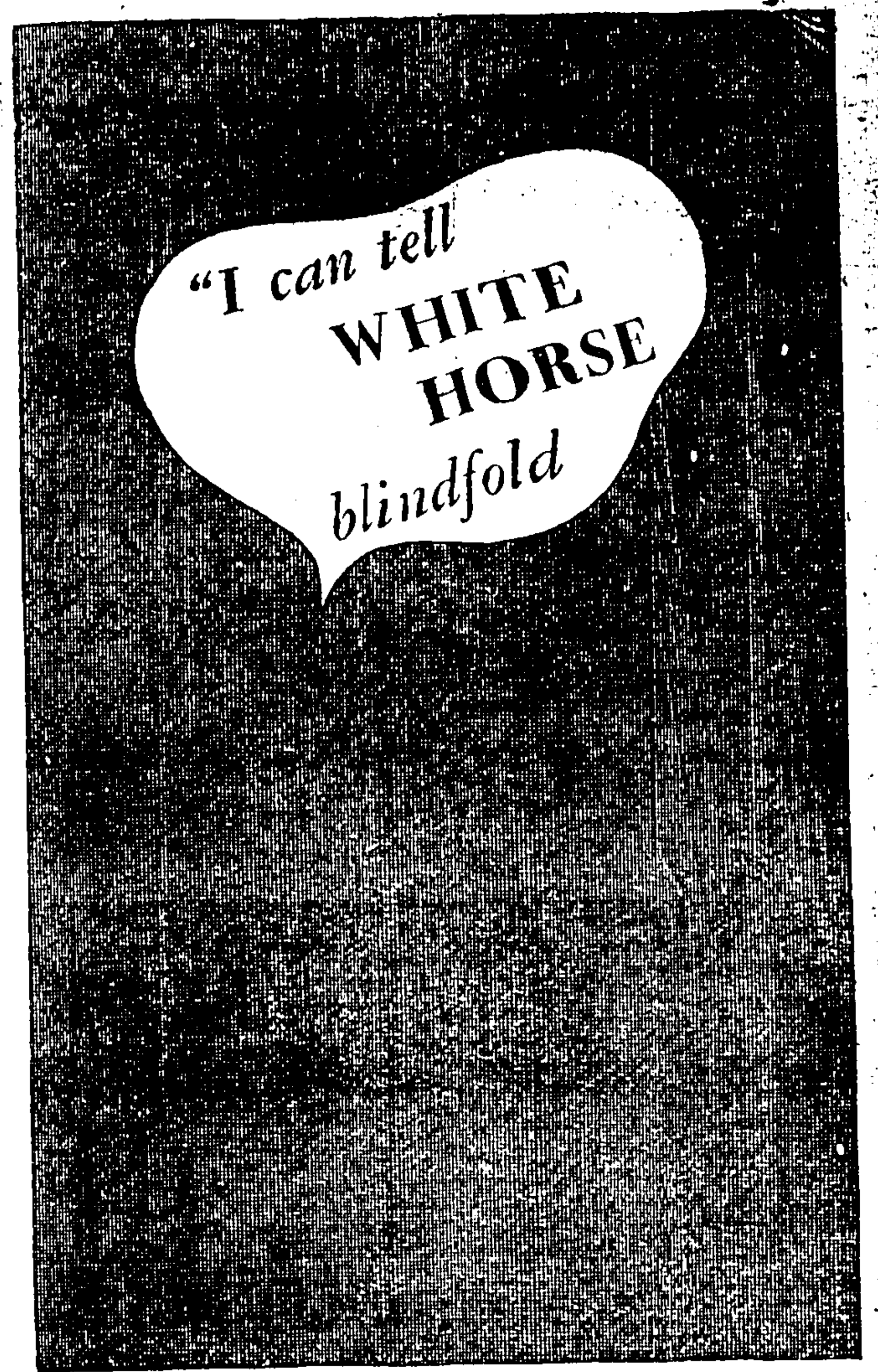
100, DIED DEFYING HITLER

Mrs. Ellen Matilda Croft, Romford Essex, centenarian, died defying Hitler to the end.

Hearing gunfire, she said, "It's that old devil again, but our guns are too good for him."

She died two hours later, as the "All clear" sounded.

At the age of ninety-nine she was bombed out of her home. She expressed her defiance of Hitler forcibly then, and refused to leave Romford.



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BRIDGE NO. 39

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 39

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand is contributed by D. P. Langlois, of Decatur, Illinois.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q J 9 8 6	♥ 7 6 3
♦ Q J 5	♣ 8 3
♣ Q 4	♦ 10 7 6
♠ A 6 2	♣ 3 2
♠ A K 2	♣ K 7 3
♥ K 10 9	♠ 10 4
♦ 6 2	♥ A 7 4
♣ J 10 8	♦ A K 9 8
	♣ Q 9 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass 3NT Pass

West opened the Jack of club, dummy played low, and East won with the club King. East switched to a heart, and South ducked, allowing West to win West returned a heart, and South went after the spades. But that allowed West to gain the lead twice, and that was enough time to establish and run the heart. South was therefore down two.

The crime you are supposed to detect has already taken place. Look carefully, for it's a subtle one. If you don't see it, read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime took place at the very first trick. If he won the first trick and went right after the spades, he could make three spades, two hearts, three diamonds, and a club, before the enemy could establish and cash the long heart. The club suit wasn't nearly so great a menace as the hearts, partly because the enemy had more heart than club, and partly because East would probably lead hearts if he got the lead during the course of the play.

Strangely enough, it was not a crime for South to be set two tricks, even though he could have cashed eight tricks. To cash the eight tricks would be to make sure of being set, whereas, going after the spades, would bring in the contract if by some miracle East had one of the top spades.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 6
♥ A J 9 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ Q 10 7 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Maier	You	Schenken
1♥	2♣	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. To double is not particularly wise, since your heart length damages the value of your partner's defensive tricks. The game in hearts is practically a sure thing, and a set in clubs is unlikely to be very big.

Score 100% for three hearts, 80% for two diamonds, 60% for double, 40% for two hearts.

Question No. 693

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 8 6
♣ A J 9 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♠	INT	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RAIDS AID THE DOPE RACKETEERS

(By A Special Correspondent.)

Dope smugglers and owners of opium dens in Limehouse are taking advantage of air-raid conditions in an effort to outwit the police.

I learned this after talking with men who know the Chinese quarter like a book. My investigation followed a police statement in an East Ham opium smuggling case that they had great difficulty in Limehouse in tracing the source of opium supplies, and that it had been a wonder for years how many Chinese go about looking so wealthy and yet do not work.

Hunt "Big Men"

Opium dens, though not nearly so numerous as they were a few years ago, are still flourishing, although the old dens in cellar equipped with banks are no more.

Chinese seamen, the opium sellers' most common dupe, may smoke in tenement flats where, to the average East End, the pungent smell of the drug means nothing.

The police are striving to track down the smugglers and "earn-ers" sometimes women. But their main job is to discover the big men in the racket.

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Beer drinkers in Belgium are to have less bread.

A recent decree provides that, because of a bread shortage, they must surrender one bread ration ticket for each glass of beer they buy.

The monthly potato ration in Belgium is still just over 3lb., but few town dwellers get the full amount, and many of the country are crowded daily with Brussels citizens travelling up to thirty miles to try to buy potatoes at prices three to four times higher than the official level.



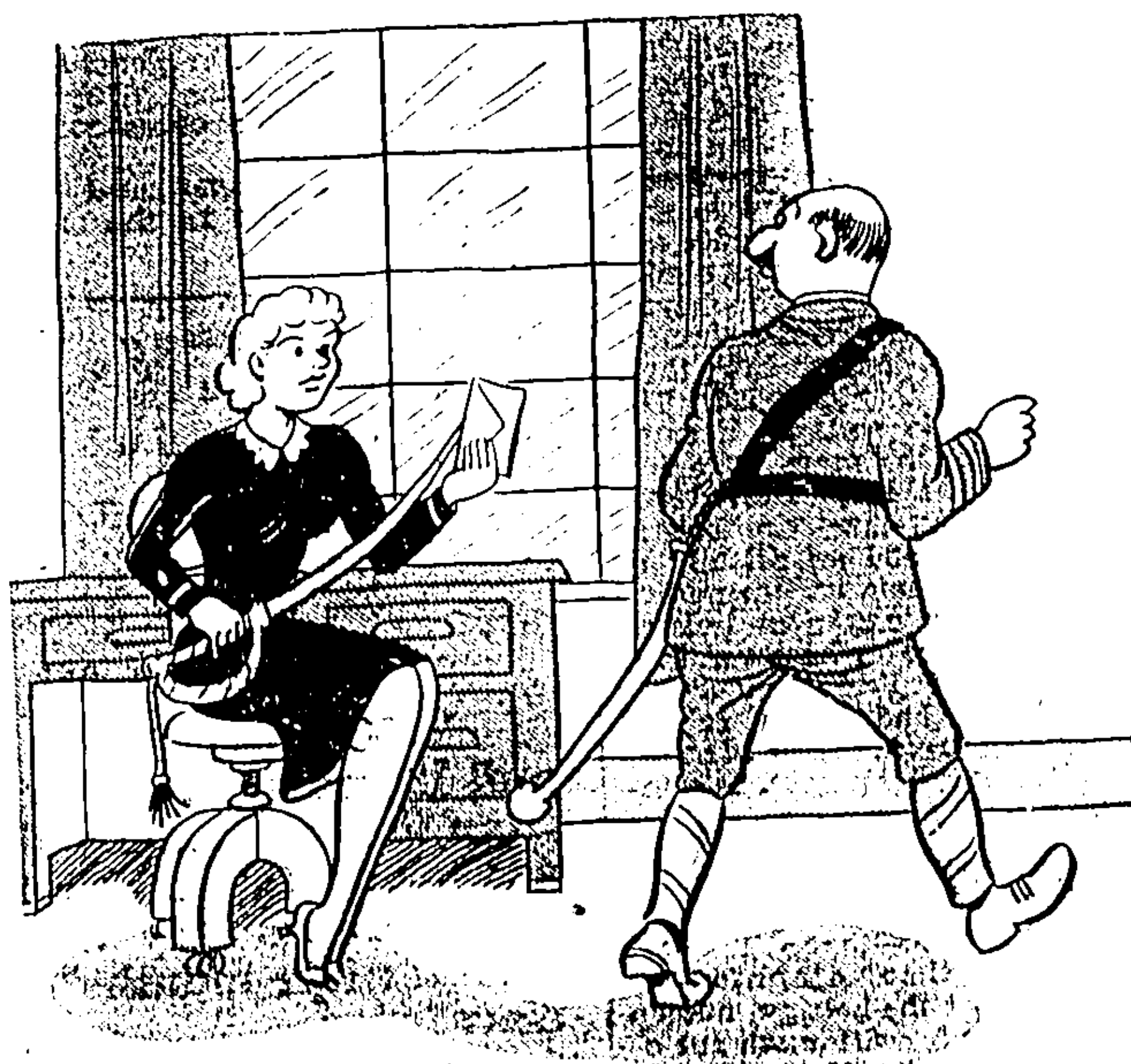
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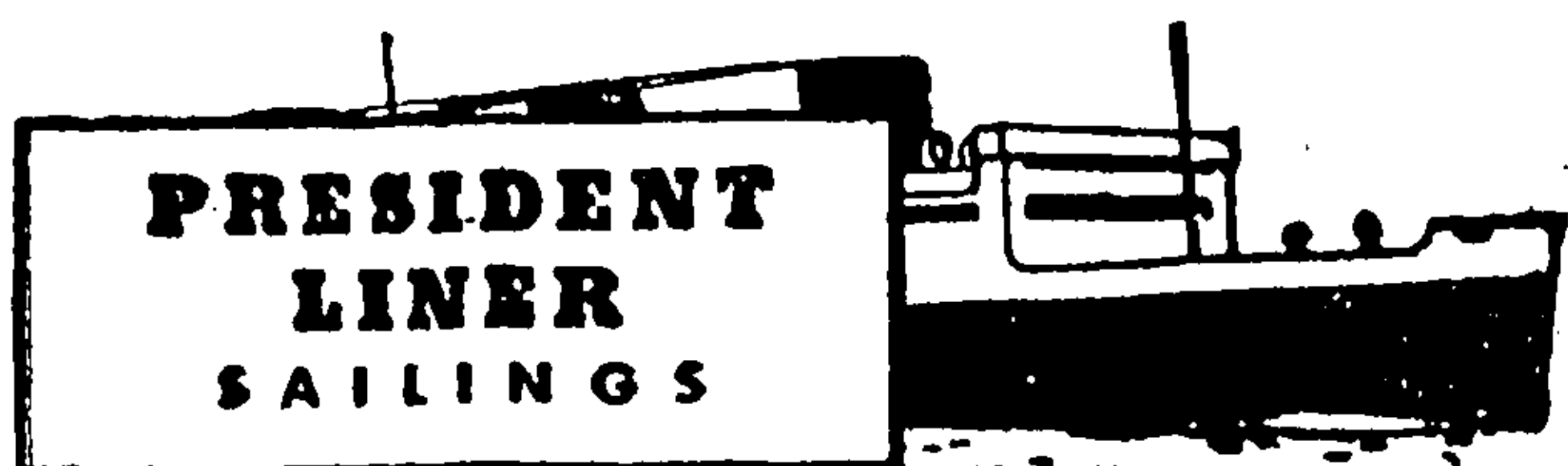
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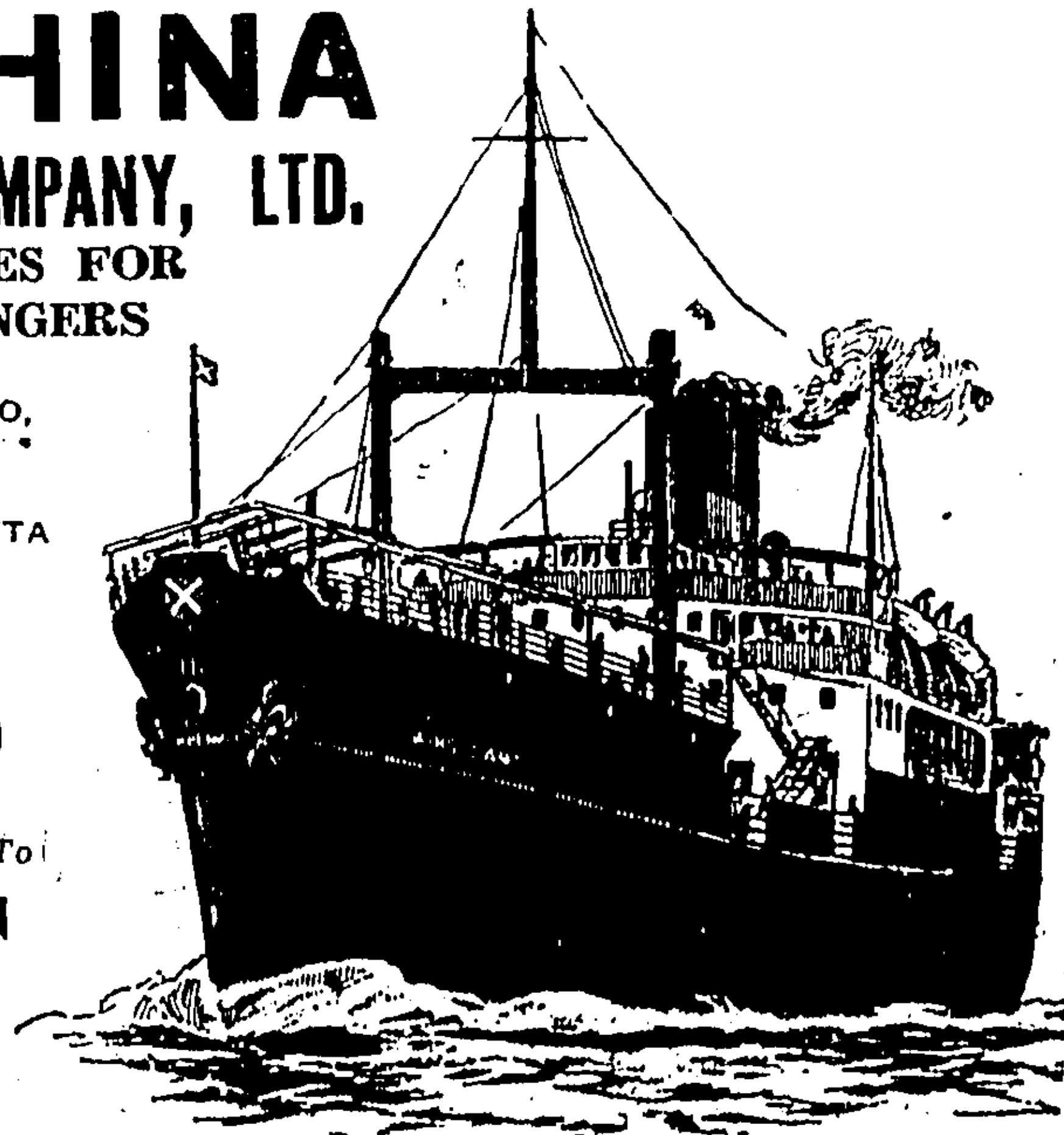
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A British spokesman declared these ferry pilots were the vanguard of larger contingents. Detachments of Canadian navigators are expected at Marchfield soon for similar instruction.

A plane output of 18,000 may be expected this year. Mr. William Knudson, U.S. defence production chief, told a Press conference in Washington.

He added that during January, 1,036 planes were delivered by United States manufacturers, of which 957 went to the U.S. Army and Navy and Great Britain.

GOT NO KICK OUT OF THIS!

A man without the courage to kick his wife's pet monkey out of bed deserves no mercy from the Divorce Court.

This is what the Judge told fifty-eight-year-old Carl Beckman in San Jose, California.

The Judge awarded a decree nisi and costs to Mrs. Beckman, who it was alleged, made her husband sleep with the monkey for ten years.

The petition was originally made by the husband, but the divorce was granted on the wife's cross-petition. "You didn't have to tolerate the monkey in your bed if you found the company uninviting," she said.

The Judge told Beckman: "I recall several cases where the wife has been ejected from the bed by the husband during a domestic quarrel with less energy than is required to eject a frisky monkey."

STRAW HELPS AVERT PAPER FAMINE

Straw is now being used in Britain in the manufacture of paper.

Mr. Julius Grant, the chemist, telling of this development at a Royal Society of Arts meeting in London said that whereas only six months ago a serious paper famine was prophesied, that prospect has now "almost vanished."

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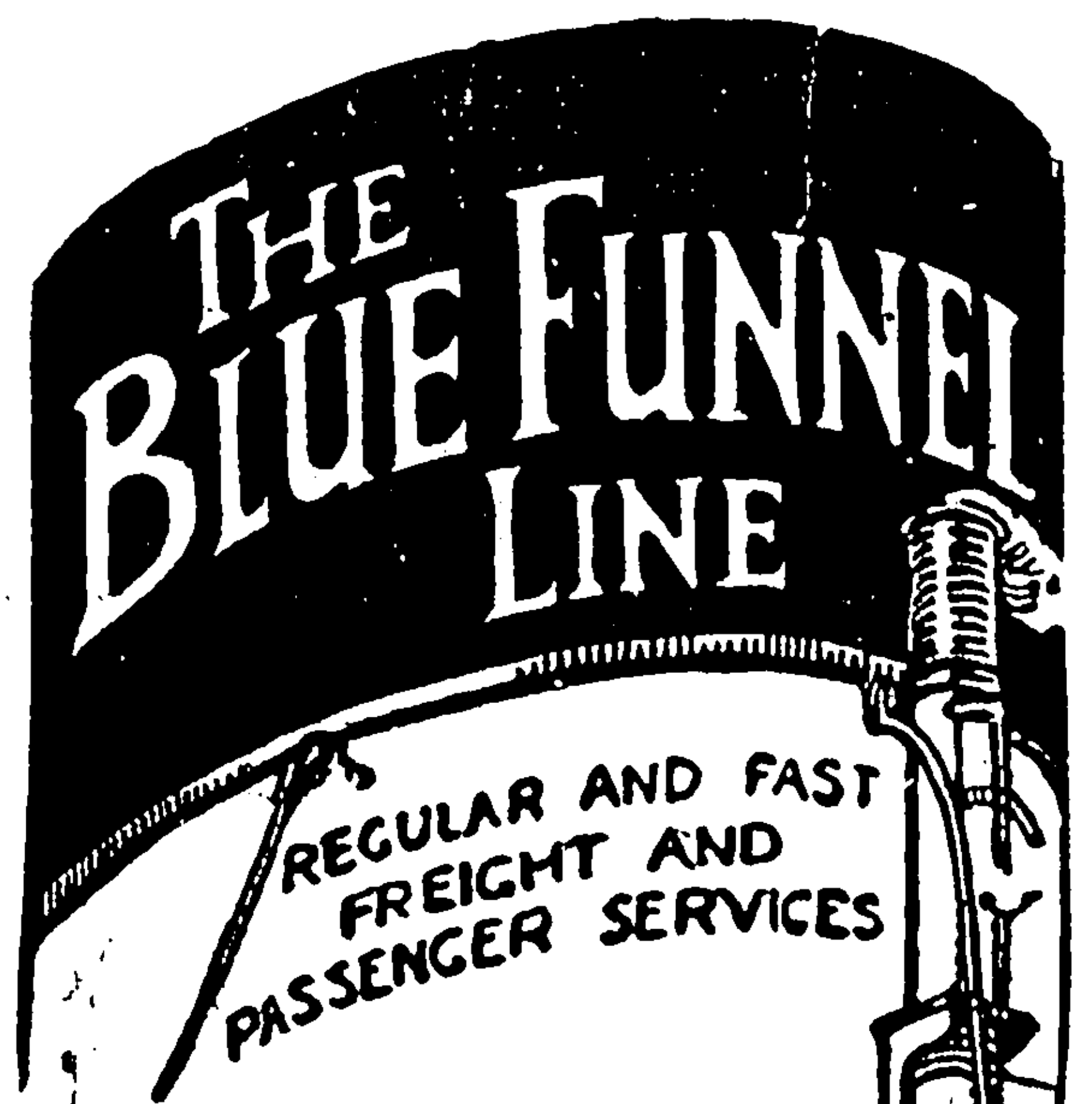
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MORE THAN 300 English and French thoroughbreds—stallions, broodmares and active campaigners—have been imported since the outbreak of World War II. A number of them are in training at Santa Anita and Hialeah Park, and several may figure prominently once they get the hang of American ways, writes a correspondent.

They went in more for distance in England and France. Speed is stressed on this side. The foreign horses were not schooled to dash out of the gate. They were rated slower the first part. They were on turf.

On many courses they ran the reverse of the way steeds run here. Used to straightaways and right-handers, the invaders must learn to negotiate corners that are strange to them.

Louis B. Mayer's Hunter's Moon IV, winner of the last traditional Caesarwich Stakes in England, is training well at Arcadia. It is perhaps the most prominent foreigner ever to enter the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Fast Mile Run

Saint Andrews, which arrived from England last August shell-shocked and at a reported cost of \$50,000, was temporarily on the shelf with bucked shins, but phenomenal workou's moved him up among the contenders for the Hundred Grander at the gorgeous plant of the Los Angeles Turf Club.

He startled clockers by working a mile in 1:39.

Saint Andrews did not find his speed twice when galloping into action, but these were educational affairs.

He was bred in France, but did most of his racing in England, where in 1939 he set a world record of 1:59 4/5 for a mile and a quarter on the

"downhill" Brighton Beach track near London.

Heliopolis Fine Record

Saint Andrews is nine years old. One of that age never won such an important event, but the Valdina Farms is high on Saint Andrews being a factor in the Santa Anita.

George Walsh's Chico, British refugee, has not yet started, but is being conditioned on the southern California strip.

Only imported animals showing anything at Hialeah Park are Heliopolis, Bolivar, Raphael II, and Piping Rock.

Heliopolis, a 5-year-old bay horse, by Hyperion and Drift, is owned by Elmer Dale Shaffer's Coldstream Farm.

Heliopolis, bred by Lord Derby brought with him as fine a record as any English animal to reach these shores with the possible exception of Papyrus.

As a 3-year-old in 1939, Heliopolis won the Chester Vase, finished third in the English Derby to Blue Peter and Fox Club, and then copped three in a row, the Prince of Wales Stakes at Ascot, the Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket and the Gatwicke Stakes at Goodwood Park.

The Widener Cup

Heliopolis, which will lug 123 pounds, appears the best of the



foreign lot being pointed for the \$50,000 Widener Cup.

Bolivar, owned by Banker William Woodward's Belair Stud, has won twice over the grass course at Hialeah. It appears to like running on grass only.

Raphael II, 4-year-old by Rodosto-Philomela, won two of five starts in France. It was three out of four in this country.

Should Improve Breed

Joseph Early Widener bought Raphael II as a yearling in France for \$275,000 francs.

He raced the bay colt in that country as a juvenile, when he prevailed twice and was twice nosed out in big stakes.

Raphael II's Widener Cup weight is 120, but neither he nor Piping Rock, imported by Marshall Field, appear of stakes calibre.

Beau Pere, recently brought to Deepcliffe Farm, near San Jose, Calif., by Motion Picture Magnate Mayer, sired 15 Australian stake winners out of his first crop of 17. The flow from South America is steady.

These additions to blood-stock can't fail to have considerable effect on the breed of American runners.

O. M. Omar, manager of the St. Joseph's softball team, is well pleased with his team's success and intends to run their baseball team this season.

CIVIL SERVICE BOWLS LOSSES

Civil Service Cricket Club find it impossible to enter more than one team in the Bowls League this season.

Gaps in the ranks have been occasioned by the retirement of Grimmit, (ex-colony champion) R. R. Wood, and the transfer of J. Hollidge to Singapore.

Bowlers on leave include Deakin, Collyer and Hillyer, whilst A. B. Allan has received medical advice to refrain from playing this season.

Other members will not be available by reasons of military and volunteer duties.

An intra-club game will be held to-morrow at 3.15 p.m. and all members interested in bowls are invited to take part.

K'LOON CHESS CLUB

Owing to the Black-out exercise yesterday evening, there was no meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club at the Peninsula Hotel. The chess room will be opened for players to-day and it is suggested members taking part in the chess tournaments will avail themselves of the opportunity to catch up on adjourned and postponed games.

K.C.C. JUNIORS TO PLAY REST

To bring the Second Division League season to a close, a Champions (Kowloon C.C.) v Rest match has been arranged for Sunday next. The game will be played at Cox's Road at 2 p.m. sharp.

The Champions will be represented by:

S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, G. A. Goodban, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire and W. W. Parsons, with L. R. Burch as twelfth man, and R. Leigh as umpire.

The Rest team will be announced later.

TO-MORROW'S LAWN BOWLS

Following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon C.C., on the latter's green, to-morrow:

J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); L. M. Roza, J. Pau, K. M. Omar, U. M. Omar (skip); Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rosselet (skip); W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd, T. Lock (skip); J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, N. P. Karanjia, M. J. Medina (skip); S. R. Solina, C. W. Lam, W. Ward, H. W. Randall (skip).

WAH YAN ATHLETICS

The annual athletic meeting of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be held on Kowloon Football Club ground on Thursday, April 24, at 1 p.m. If the weather is unfavourable, the sports will be held on Friday, April 25.

U.S. MOVE TO TIGHTEN TENNIS AMATEUR RULE

WITH A CASUALNESS and concord that furnished little indication of the far-reaching implications of the matter, the delegates to the annual meeting of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hotel Vanderbilt recently went on record as favouring the proposed stringent amendments to the amateur regulations, writes Allison Danzig from New York.

The changes, acted upon by the United States Lawn Tennis Association at the Vanderbilt on Feb. 8, constituted the most drastic restrictive measures introduced by the amateur rule committee since the adoption of the player-writer provision some fifteen years ago. The unanimous consensus of the Eastern Association, largest sectional tennis organisation in the country, goes a long way toward assuring affirmative action on the proposition when the delegates of the parent body convene.

The Amendments

The amendments, if adopted, will have the following results:

1. Aside from national championships and international team matches, amateurs will be limited to twelve weeks of competition during which they may have their expenses paid. The so-called eight-week rule will be superseded by a twelve-week rule, but the private hospitality exception will no longer obtain and sectional championships will count against the player's time allowance.

Indefinite Play Curbed

Under the eight-week rule, a player could compete indefinitely

so long as he was put up at a private home, rather than having had his expenses paid at a hotel. This dispensation will not be granted under the proposed regulation.

2. Amateurs no longer will be eligible to compete in sanctioned tournaments other than closed club events if they are connected directly or indirectly with the sale of tennis goods or with a firm manufacturing or selling tennis goods. Under the rule as it stands, they are permitted to work for a sporting goods company when their connection is of a general nature and they are not identified with the tennis end of the business more than with any other department. A number of ranking players have been enjoying such connections and the new regulation will hit home severely for some of them.

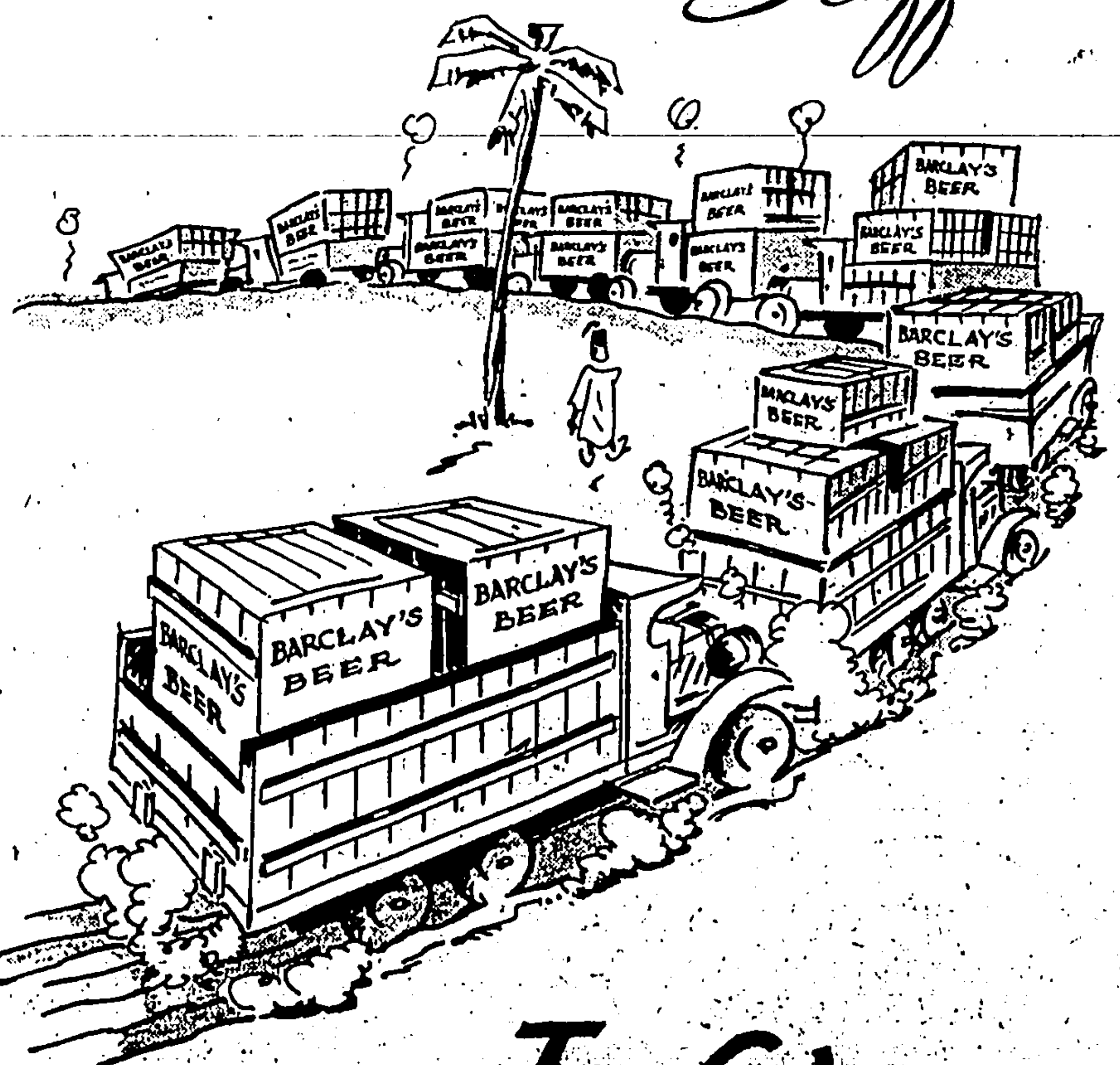
3. The practice of sporting goods companies giving racquets, gut and other equipment to players will be curtailed. A limit will be set upon the volume of free equipment the players may receive and the gift will be made only upon authorisation of the United States Lawn Tennis Association through the players' sectional organisations. The manufacturers are said to be in favour of the change and have promised to cooperate in its enforcement.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

MIDDIES FAVOURED FOR AREA ATHLETIC HONOURS

Services' Last Major Sports Event On Tuesday

SWIMMING IN THE OFFING

By "Squaddy"

ON Tuesday, on the Hong Kong Polo Club ground the last major sporting event for the 1940/41 season -- the Area Athletic meeting -- will start at 2.30 p.m.

Following teams will take part:
12th Coast Regt., R.A.
8th Coast Regt., R.A.
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
2nd Bn. The Royal Scots
1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.
5/7th Rajput Regt.
2/14th Punjab Regt.
(Combined Small Units)

Strong favourites for the Championship are Middlesex Regiment, who so far this year have been responsible for some very fine times and distances for track and field events.

The meeting will last three days, and, if the weather is bad, the alternative dates will be April 29 and 30 and May 1.

Results so far in the Tug-of-War are:

110 Stone: 12th Coast Regt. received a walkover from Royal Scots; 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two pulls to nil; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 5/7th Rajput Regt. by two pulls to one.

130 Stone: 12th Coast Regt. received a walkover from Royal Scots; 1st Middlesex Regt. lost to 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two pulls to one; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 5/7th Rajput Regt. by two pulls to one.

Semi-finals will be pulled off on the Polo ground as follows:
110 Stone on Tuesday and 130 Stone on Wednesday.

Teams for semi-finals are as follows:

110 Stone: Winners of the 8th Coast Regt., R.A. and 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
12th Coast Regt., R.A. v. Middlesex Regt.

130 Stone: Winners of the 8th Coast Regt., R.A. and 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
12th Coast Regt., R.A. v. 2/14th Punjab Regt.

The Athletic meeting which was due to be contested between the Army Athletic team and the

Chinese Amateur Federation on Sunday, May 4, has been put back until May 18 and will now be between the Chinese and Middlesex Regiment, who are considered the strongest military athletic team in the Colony.

Lot of events for this meeting are 2 Miles Relay, 440 Yards Relay, 480 Yards Hurdles, 1 Mile Team Race, 880 Yards Relay, 3 Mile Team Race, 1 Mile Relay, Throwing the Javelin, Throwing the Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Putting the Weight.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Area Sports Board will take place on Tuesday, May 6. At this meeting all sporting activities for the forthcoming season will be discussed and any new proposals submitted by Units serving in Hong Kong will be investigated. Units will also be given a general idea of sporting events to come.

It has been suggested that in future years Army Cross Country runs, which always take place on the Mainland, might be run on the Island and so give members of the garrison stationed on the Island a change.

NOW that the Army swimming pool at Victoria Barracks is once again in full use, it will be a pleasant change to watch a game of water polo in the lead of a football match while some swimming galas between the different Services can be looked forward to.

Everything is being done to encourage the Water Polo League, which has been suggested for competition between the Army, Navy, and Y.M.C.A. in the near future.

Royal Corps Signals, who were the winners of both Army water polo competitions last year, are again in training and are hoping to again meet with success.

Swimming



DISCOURSE ON RACING

I read a statement the other day attributed to Colonel E. R. Bradley, the famous horse-breeder, writes C. E. M. Brown in the "N.C.D. News."

Said Bradley "There are 54 different ways in which the best horse in a race can lose honestly."

Oh, yes? And how about the astronomical number of ways in which it can lose a race dishonestly? Tot up the combined total and then add the percentage possibilities of an upset in every race and you have a fairly adequate reason why tipsters go "nuts" even nuttier than they are to begin with.

Taken all in all "The Chaser" doesn't do too badly. Week before last 22 out of his 38 selections placed. Last week he gave you Luckylon and Goldenlight as outsiders -- they won.

Harking back once more to Comrade Bradley's statement there seems to be one problem he hasn't cared to tackle -- the number of different ways in which Seabiscuit, the greatest money-maker of them all, could win a race. Records show that the mystical creature was out of the money only four times in 42 starts, after which he retired to a life of studding.

Then, in the crowning achievement of a story-book career, the patched-up cripple, after a year's retirement came back in March, 1940, to win the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap won it in the record-breaking time of 2 min., 15 sec., and boosted his lifetime winnings to \$437,730, highest in turf history. For this fabulous feat, the owners of Santa Anita last February honoured the Biscuit. From the lush meadows of Owner Howard's ranch, they coaxed the retired champion, father of seven and 80 pounds heavier than he was a year ago, to make a personal appearance. First he was to help unveil his own statue, a life-sized bronze by Cowboy Sculptor Tex Wheeler. Then he was to lead the parade to the post for the inaugural running of the Seabiscuit Handicap.

At a press preview, when he first saw himself in bronze, the Biscuit tried to take a bite out of Sculptor Wheeler's \$25,000 job. But at the unveiling ceremony the next day, Seabiscuit behaved with polite befitting a guest of honour. He listened to his encomiums, whinnied with nervous embarrassment while the President of the Turf Club read a poem written by Sportswriter Grantland Rice.

Then came the debacle after the unveiling ceremony, the crowd dispersed to make their bets for the first race. Then they waited. They waited and waited. Then the meeting was called off.

Protesting against the discharge of one of their colleagues (after a knife fight a few nights before), the track's 1,500 grooms had called a strike during the Seabiscuit unveiling. The flabbergasted fans got their money back.

Next day the discharged groom was reinstated and racing went on at Santa Anita. Among other things, the striking grooms demanded that they be permitted to watch the races from the grandstands. It's a good thing our mafiosos here haven't as yet cottoned on to the idea of demanding members' privileges.

EASY VICTORY FOR TSUI BROTHERS

By "Adrem"

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui yesterday entered the semi-final of the Colony tennis tournament when they beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung 6-2, 6-4 on the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Beyond establishing that the Tsui brothers are in excellent form, the match was most uninteresting, both Fincher and Hung being quite unable to cope with the all round play of their opponents.

The first set was over in something less than 15 minutes, there being no rallies to speak of. The second set was even worse. The Tsuis rattled off five games before the opposition appeared to realise what it was all about. They then slackened off perceptibly, gave the sixth game away, and then, with Fincher and Hung showing slight improvement, lost the next three games before they clamped down and went out at 6-4.

It is probable that Fincher and Hung, in all their years of tournament tennis, have never been made to look so second-rate as they were yesterday, and it must, in fairness to the Tsuis, be said that the latter were in top form and this had much to do with the complete overshadowing of the K.C.C. pair as anything.

Club Match Postponed

The match between R. E. Guest and M. Pagh in the semi-final of the Club Championship was postponed until Tuesday.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

H. D. Rumjahn v. Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest (-15.1) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6) (8).

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Following is the programme of Colony tennis tournament matches for next week:

Monday

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final

R. E. Guest (-15.1) or G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v. T. J. Gould (-15.2) (8).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) (4).

Tuesday

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher or Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade v. F. W. Carter (7); R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh (8).

Thursday

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

Friday

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Final

C. H. R. Oxlade or F. W. Carter v. R. E. Guest or M. Pagh (Stand Court).

BIG ATHLETIC MEETING

The annual All-Hong Kong Schools' and Open Colony athletic sports meeting, sponsored by South China Athletic Association, will be held at the Caroline Hill Stadium for three successive days, starting on Sunday, May 9.

There are 82 events on the programme, which include many open events for both sexes.

The proceeds of the meeting will go to the War Relief Fund.

Following is the official programme for the meeting:

Events open to all schools in the Colony:

Boys' Senior Events: 100 Metres, High Hurdles, 400 Metres, Low Hurdles, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, 10,000 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

Boys' Junior Events: 80 Metres, Hurdles, 100, 200 and 400 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (12 pounds), 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,500 Metres.

Small Boys' Events: 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Putt, 400 Metres Relay Race.

Girls' Senior: 80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Putt, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball, and 400 Metres Relay Race.

Girls' Junior: 50 Metres, 110 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (6 pounds), Throwing the Baseball and Discus, 400 Metres Relay Race.

Open Events for the Colony: Men's Events: 110 Metres Hurdles, 400 Metres Hurdles, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1,500 Metres, Pole Vault, High Jump, Long Jump, Hop, Step and Jump, Shot Putt (16 pounds), Discus, Javelin, 400 Metres Relay Race, 1,600 Metres Relay Race.

Ladies' Events: 80 Metres Hurdles, 50 Metres, 100 Metres, 200 Metres, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt (8 pounds), Discus, Javelin, Throwing the Baseball and 400 Metres.

Entries will close on April 24.

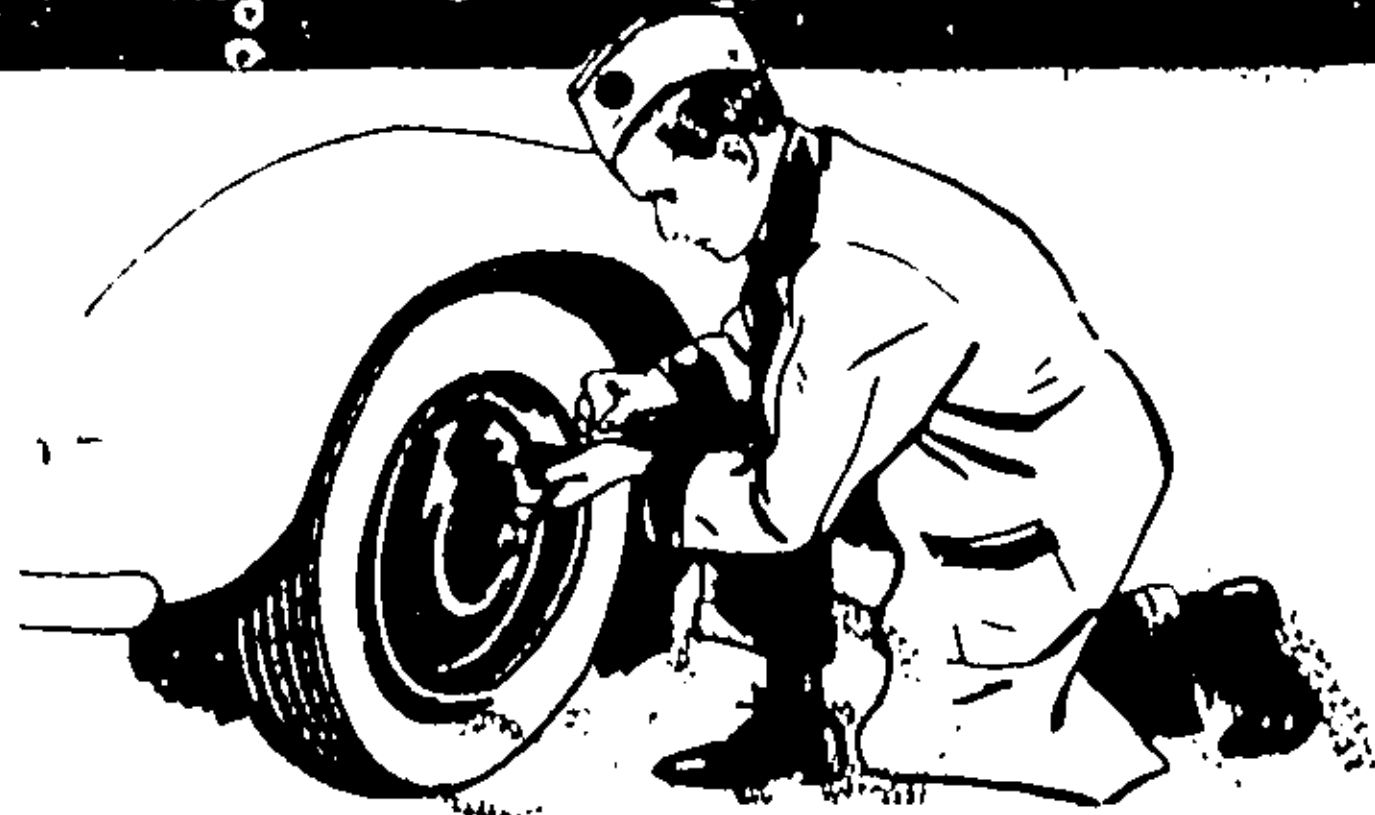
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GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF ARMSTRONG'S LAST FIGHT

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A BIG PROGRAMME OF BOUTS FOR LOUIS

ONE MORE FOR J. Shufflin' Louis, the busiest heavyweight champion the gloved game has known. The prospective victims who received samples of what the Dark Destroyer handed to Red Burman are Gloomy Gus Dorazio, Ample Abe Simon, and Osculatory Arturo Godoy, the Kissing Bug of the Andes. After that, if all goes according to form there will be a Louis-Conn bout, writes John Kieran from New York, in an article dated February.

That may be slightly different. The Conn Man from Pittsburgh is a fast and fancy fellow with his fists. Speed and youth go together. Which is another way of saying that when youth goes, speed goes. It's the notion in this corner that J. Shufflin' Louis isn't quite as fast as he once was. He isn't as quick with the wing shots as he used to be. He's older, wiser, stronger. But where he used to strike like lightning, it's now the boom-boom of the heavy artillery. He still hits with terrific force, but he doesn't tag the momentarily exposed target as he did in the earlier exciting nights when he was blasting his way to fame.

Red Burman bothered him a bit. Not with blows, but with bobbing and weaving. A few years ago the younger Louis, the way Burman fought, would have nailed his man before the fifth round. Burman didn't run away and hide. He came weaving in.

A Growing Problem

What came to mind as Louis hesitated in letting fly at Burman's weaving chin was that the champion is now faced with a growing problem. It's a small matter when he is called upon to meet a Burman. It may be a small matter when he goes against Dorazio, Simon and Godoy in that order.

One way or another, and sooner or later, the Dark Destroyer figures to blow them down. He hasn't missed yet, though he had to go around the second time to catch up with such bouncing boys as Bob Pastor and Arturo Godoy. But he got his man in each case. What matter which way they fall?

Well, the point is that, if he no longer is as keen as he once was on sight draft or wing shots, a shifty gent and fancy boxer like Billy the Conn Man might have a chance to go the distance and even pile up enough points to take the crown away from Louis. Of course, if the Shufflin' ever nailed

Conn, his handlers might have to go back six rows into the ring-side seats to pick up the body of their fallen fighter. That much is readily conceded in this corner.

Getting Smarter

However, his added years have not been altogether a handicap to J. Louis. Burrow. He's smarter than he was the night he took that terrible beating from Schmeling the first time they met. When he found Burman's chin an elusive target to hit and a tough one to dent when he did land, he shifted his attack downwards. Burman couldn't shift his boiler room around as fast as he could bob and weave with his head. So Louis laid into him and gained his mid-section. Three or four to the border room left. Red a complete and unken wreck.

So maybe J. Shufflin' Louis doesn't have to worry for some time yet. He isn't the worrying kind, anyway. Nor is it the general opinion that he will have to be razor-keen and lightning-fast to hold his own meaning the heavyweight championship against the assault of Gloomy Gus Dorazio, Ample Abe Simon and Osculatory Arturo, the capering chap from Chile. Louis may have a more serious problem in Billy Conn and may be Lou Nova later, but the Dark Destroyer may think up something or be told something that will fend off those fellows too.

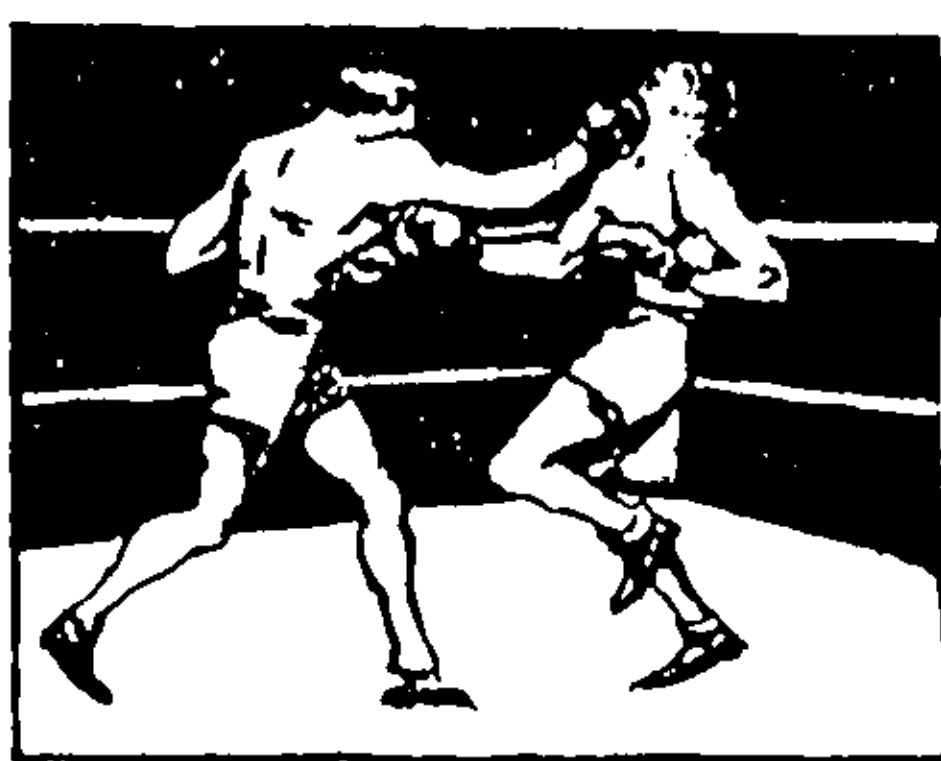
There is the further chance that the scheduled campaign may be halted by the induction of Joe Louis into military service. Joe says he'll take that in stride, too, if they ask him.

Two Schools Of Thought

Apocryphal of the call of noted athletes to Army life, there are two schools of thought. One is that the athletes should be the first to come a-scratching when the country calls. They have the build for it. They can set good examples for other fellows who may be slower of foot or not so belligerent of disposition. They can show that the defence programme is a united effort in which one and all must share, regardless of personal sacrifice. Thus a ball player drawing \$10,000 a year who exchanges that for a soldier's stipend, or a fighter like Louis taking Uncle Sam's small purses instead of the big ones offered by Uncle Mike Jacobs, would be a fine object-lesson for the young men of the nation. It wouldn't leave those making lesser financial sacrifices much room to kick.

The other school of thought has it that it isn't profitable to put a fellow like J. Shufflin' Louis or, for that matter, Hank Greenberg, into a soldier's suit. Those fellows make big money. They pay big income taxes. A Greenberg on the ball field or a Louis in the ring contributes enough money in income taxes to keep a whole platoon under arms.

Maybe that's a good argument as far as money goes, but spirit counts in an "all-out" defence programme, too, and the sight of notable athletes playing around while anonymous bowlegged clerks or labourers marched



off to cantonments wouldn't give any great spiritual lift to the defence programme.

Outside The Ropes

However, this essay is on pugilism and that other argument is outside the ropes. It just came to mind and was mentioned in passing, which is the way it was heard.

What this observer saw in the Louis-Burman bout was something like the cool wind or the lazy leaf that come drifting down on some late day in August. It's Summer yet, but that first falling leaf—well, Summer doesn't last forever—and even Joe Louis some day must go downhill.

JACK OF ALL SPORTS

The excellent state of the Army football and cricket grounds at Sookunpoo is due to the care and attention of L/Cpl Glasgow, of Royal Scots, the groundsman.

Glasgow is not only the caretaker of the grounds but is also a dependable reserve for many different sports. Tennis players short of a partner can always call on Glasgow, who has also often completed a depleted hockey team, while last week one of the tough judges did not appear and he officiated.

GIRLS' SCHOOL SPORTS

French Convent Girls' School will hold their annual sports meeting on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, on Monday, April 21, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Headmaster of Queen's College, will distribute the prizes.

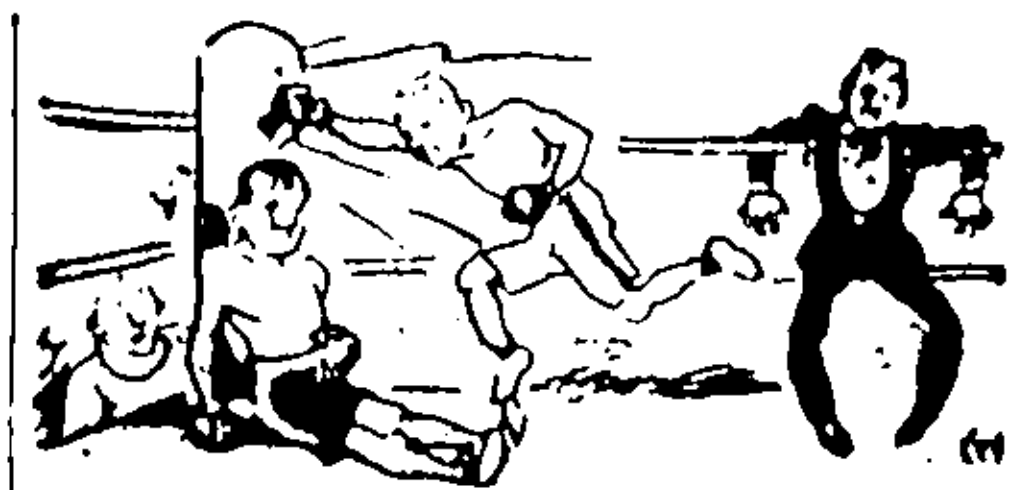
Cut And Bleeding Fights To Last

NEVER BEFORE had there been so many people crammed into Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. Besides the 23,000 who filled every seat to the rafters, there were thousands standing three-deep. Outside, police formed a wall around the Garden to keep all but ticket holders away, writes an American Correspondent.

The crowd had gone to see a prize fight. More than that, they had gone to cheer a gallant little Negro, spindle-shanked, kinky-haired Henry Armstrong. Two years ago, at 25, Henry Armstrong held three world's championships (featherweight, lightweight, welterweight), a feat unmatched by any other fisticuffer, white or black. He renounced his featherweight title, lost his lightweight crown to Lou Ambers. Then, last October, after defending his welterweight championship 19 times, the little tornado, whose gameness and stamina made him one of the most extraordinary fighters of all time, lost the last of his crowns to Fritz Zivic, youngest of Pittsburgh's five "Fighting Zivics."

Do Or Die

At last little Henry faced Zivic again, in a do-or-die attempt to win back the welterweight title. Armstrong had just received the Neil Memorial Trophy, annually awarded to the most praiseworthy



fighter of the year. He will take Zivic this time, fight fans figured, now that surgeons have removed the bothersome scar tissue from around his eyes. But before the first round was over, the crowd realised how wrong they were. Instead of his customary windmill attack, Armstrong tried to box, scarcely landed a blow. In awe-some silence they watched round after round. The tiny dynamo, after ten years of punching, was running down at last. Gaily he swung, but Zivic landed two for one.

By the fifth round, Armstrong's eyes were dripping blood. By the tenth, he looked like an idiot, face swollen, eyes closed, mouth open.

Roaring Mass

Then suddenly the fans rose to their feet in a roaring mass. As if some unseen transformer had hooked on a new supply of power, Armstrong was the dynamo of days gone by. His little fists smashed Zivic with savage fury. It was a superhuman rally, one its witnesses will never forget. But it was too late. After 52 seconds of the 12th round, Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight. Three times (after the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds) he had peered anxiously at Armstrong's wounds. His eleventh-round warning—"Just one more round, Henry"—had spurred the chocolate soldier to his last stand.

INTRA-DEPARTMENT RIVALRY

Great rivalry has arisen between members of the Medical and Hospital Divisions of the Medical Headquarters. These two sections engaged in a friendly football match some time ago in which the Hospital Division emerged winners. Two Sundays ago they tried conclusions at cricket and the match resulted in another win for the Hospital Division. Now there is some talk about lawn bowls and tennis matches to be staged in the near future.



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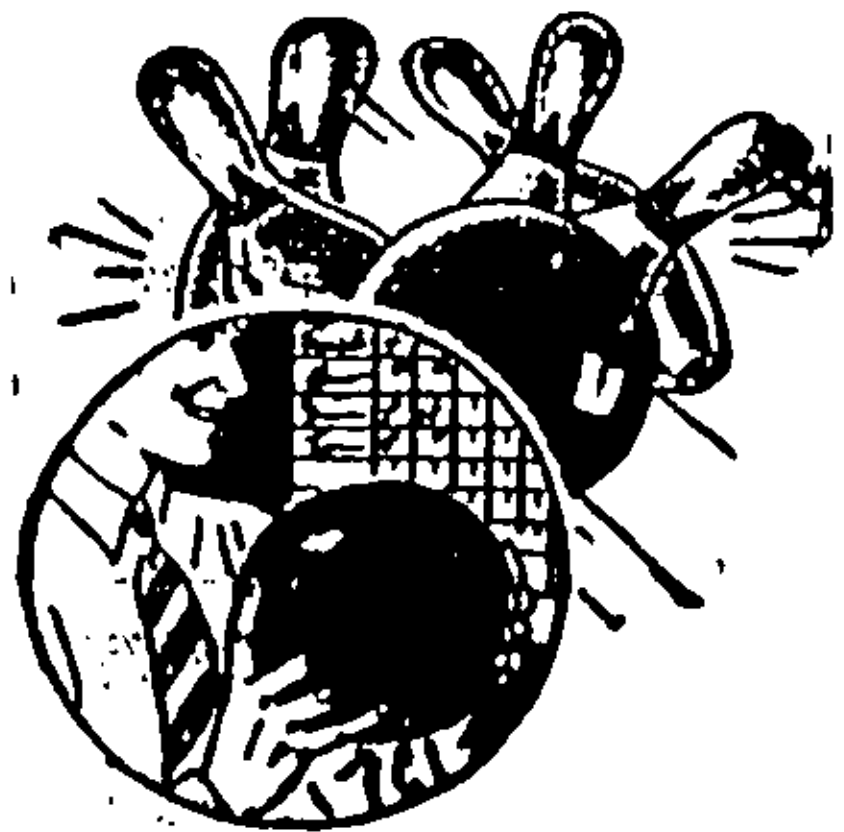
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BRITAIN'S LATEST AND GREATEST BATTLESHIP

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board H.M.S. King George V)

AS THE FIRST journalist to be allowed aboard Britain's latest and greatest battleship, I am able to describe some special features of what is probably the mightiest instrument of war yet created by man.

Nowhere is there concentrated such effective steel protection against bombs, shells, torpedoes and mines, nor so many colossal guns.

It takes more than a day to examine this floating fortress carrying every kind of hush-hush device, including one which might be called Mr. Churchill's "secret weapon," about which I can say no more than that it was inspired by him when he was at the Admiralty.

First thing to be noticed on ascending the gangway is the astonishing thickness of the armour plate, unofficially estimated at 16 inches.

On setting foot on board the deck one is confronted with one of the colossal quadruple 14-inch gun turrets, outwardly as big as an ordinary bungalow.

Monster Guns

Altogether there are ten monster 14-inch guns, as well as rows of 5.25 high-angle guns, along both sides of the ship, 16 in all, and on a higher level, multiple pom-poms.

AN AIR ATTACK AGAINST THE "KG5," AS THE VESSEL IS KNOWN IN THE NAVY, WOULD DEFINITELY BE A JOB FOR A SUICIDE SQUAD.

Incidentally the fire control instruments, last word in this branch of war science, are said to have accounted for more than £200,000 of the battleship's total cost. Should the bridge be put out of action by a bomb or shell, the "KG5" could still carry on, as there are at least four positions in various parts of the ship from which control could continue.

Virtually Unsinkable

Internally the most striking feature is the elaborate subdivisioning by means of water-tight bulkheads, making the ship virtually unsinkable.

The telephone exchange is linked with 1,200 telephones in (Continued on next column)

GENERAL SIKORSKI IN NEW YORK

Enthusiastic receptions were awaiting General Sikorski, Polish Premier, when he attended a number of functions on the first day of his official visit to New York yesterday.

Speaking at a banquet given by Poles of New York, he appealed for more aid.

"Our undaunted people and our firmly fighting army know that your hearts are with them but they are expecting more — they expect that you will act."

The statement was loudly cheered and the Polish national anthem was sung.

A significant demonstration was the spontaneous cheering of General Sikorski by Czechoslovak nationals in New York. Reuter.

TO SAY IT WITH MUSIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chairman of the Kwangtung Oversea Association, Li Chukwan, is seeking the support of the provincial and the Japanese authorities for a mission to Malaya and the South Seas to induce overseas Chinese to support the Nanking regime, according to reports in the Canton press.

The mission, it is said, will include gymnasts and artists, assisted by displays and entertainment. Reuter Special.

Axis Force Completely Checked

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OVER 76,000 ITALIAN TROOPS FACE SURRENDER AND THE STATUS OF PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER CAPITULATION TERMS NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN ITALIAN EAST AFRICA AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL CUNNINGHAM, WHERE AN ENVOY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA IS NEGOTIATING.

At the same time, on the North African front, German and Italian troops remain completely checked at Tobruk and Sollum, according to official information in Cairo.

The big guns of powerful units of the British fleet have been in action along the wide stretch of the Libyan and Egyptian coasts and have inflicted severe losses upon the stalled German armoured machine.

The Navy has further aided the operations by partially encircling the Imperial garrison at Tobruk by protective guns, it is officially stated. International News Service.

A communique issued by the British Headquarters in the Middle East yesterday says that in Libya, further attacks on the defences of Tobruk were repulsed by artillery fire and the enemy again suffered heavy casualties.

One of the British patrols successfully penetrated an enemy position outside the defences of Tobruk, capturing seven Italian officers and 139 other ranks.

Many Prisoners

During Wednesday's operations, 25 officers and 767 other ranks were captured. In addition, over 200 enemy dead were left on the field.

In the Sollum area, British patrols continued their activity. In Abyssinia, further progress has been made by British columns converging on Dessie.

Prisoners of war returned to Addis Ababa now number over 5,000 Italians and 4,000 native troops.

A number of deserters from Italian colonial units have volunteered.

tarily formed themselves into irregular bands to cooperate with the British forces.

Claim Refuted

Successful British operations at Tobruk on Wednesday, when an Italian position was penetrated, cannot be taken as a major engagement.

At the same time, it is pointed out in Cairo, the latest Italian defeat, coming on the morrow of the repulse of the German attack, flatly disposes of the Axis claim that Tobruk is isolated.

There is no further information about the mission of the Duke of Aosta's envoy to the British in Abyssinia. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

In Berlin last night, the Nazis claimed that the Yugo-slav army had surrendered.

A statement issued by the official German news agency yesterday says: "All the Yugoslav armed forces which had not been disarmed before, surrender unconditionally at 9 p.m. to-day. The capitulation comes into force at noon to-morrow."

No confirmation of the above report has hitherto been received in London or from any other source. — Reuter.

In Western Macedonia, no substantial changes in the situation have taken place, stated the Greek High Command in a communique broadcast from Athens radio last night.

On the Albanian front, adds the communique, certain movements of evacuation have been carried out without impediment. Klisura and Ersak have been evacuated. — Reuter.

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PUNISHING ATTACKS BY AIR FORCE

PUNISHING ATTACKS, it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday, were maintained by R.A.F. bombers and fighters on enemy mechanised units, troops and landing grounds in Cyrenaica on Wednesday and the previous night.

A motorised column near Fort Capuzzo was attacked and a number of vehicles destroyed. Casualties were caused among troops.

Landing grounds were subjected to night attacks at Gazala, El Adem and Derna, where one aircraft was destroyed by a direct hit.

Convoys were bombed and subsequently machine-gunned in the same area.

Fighters maintained continuous offensive patrols.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers raided Dessie aerodrome on Wednesday, and the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and encampments at Uadaram and Alge. — Reuter.

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LORD STAMP'S HEIR ALSO KILLED

The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, the Hon. Wilfred Stamp, both killed in Wednesday night's air raids, have been recovered from the wreckage of their home in Shortlands, Kent.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing success story, rose from a 15/- a week boy to the highest business appointments in the land.

As among his other activities he was President of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, a director of the Bank of England and of Imperial Chemical Industries, an economic expert and adviser to the Government, he was one of the busiest men in the country.

Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot, and Mr. A. L. Bowly, who was a well-known crooner, both being killed in London.

Direct Hit

The body of Lady Stamp was recovered later. She was with her husband and son in the shelter when the house received a direct hit and collapsed on the shelter, which was demolished.

Of seven people taking refuge, only one was rescued alive. Reuter.

RAGING IN GREECE

Anglo-Greek Line Holds Intact At All Vital Points

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FURIOUS GRAND SCALE BATTLE IS NOW RAGING FROM THE ADRIATIC SEA TO THE AEGEAN, WITH PARTICULARLY VIOLENT FIGHTING ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT OLYMPUS, WHERE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE REPEATEDLY SMASHED MASS GERMAN ASSAULTS.

The German forces are now bringing their full weight to bear not only on the Macedonian front, but also in Albania, where troops swinging from Yugoslavia have joined the Italians, and it is expected that the Greeks will fall back on the Albanian front.

The British High Command admits the seriousness of the situation, but says that the Allied line, although compelled to give ground at several points, has inflicted severe losses on the Germans and prevented at break-through at any point.

Athens Radio announced that the British Imperial and Greek forces have "repulsed German mechanised columns at many points on the northern front, inflicting severe damage on the Germans."

At some points on their east flank, however, the Greeks have been compelled to make a series of strategic withdrawals, according to the official spokesman, who added that, in Albania, the Greeks are still in control of the situation, and "in local attacks, repulsed with heavy losses for the Italians."

IT IS OFFICIALLY CLAIMED THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ALLIED LINES ARE STANDING FIRM AT THE BASE OF THE KEY MOUNTAIN PASSES IN THE OLYMPIAN REGION.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Line Intact

Latest reports from the Macedonian front state that the Anglo-Greek line, although under pressure, remains intact.

Hard fighting is taking place round Servia (Greece) where Australian troops are giving the Germans a hammering.

One British armoured unit brought down five German planes with Bren guns.

Bitter Struggle

Beyond the fact that a bitter struggle is raging in the region just north of Kalabaka, there is no fresh news regarding the fighting in northern Greece.

A Greek communique stated the Germans were advancing upon Kalabaka.

Albania Situation

The Greek army may have to evacuate Albania where the situation is described as "serious," according to well-informed quarters in Cairo yesterday.

Considerable German forces which have been freed from action in Yugoslavia have succeeded in pushing back the Greeks, who were in a position to protect the retreat of the Greek forces from the Albania sector. It is stated.

This may have repercussions on the British and Imperial troops in Greece.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo do not pretend to minimise the gravity of the Greek situation.—Reuter.

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U.S. TAXPAYERS WARNED

United States taxpayers are to be asked to pay \$3,500,000,000 more dollars next year.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced yesterday that the Administration are asking for this amount of new taxes.

That figure, he added, was reached on the basis that at least two-thirds of expenditure ought to be raised by taxation.

Expenditure for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is estimated at \$19,000,000,000.

"EXISTING TAXES WILL BRING US JUST OVER \$9,000,000,000 LEAVING ABOUT \$3,500,000,000 SHORT OF THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WE OUGHT TO RAISE," HE SAID.

Apart from these new taxes the Treasury will have to borrow \$500,000,000 a month to meet expenditures on defence and the Lend and Lease programme.—Reuter.

DELIBERATE LIE

President Roosevelt, through his private secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday characterised as "a deliberate lie," reports that United States naval vessels were helping convoy British ships across the Atlantic.—Reuter.

UNCEASING AIR POUNDING OF NAZI FORCES

UNCEASING ATTACKS on enemy supply columns in Greece were carried out by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and the previous night, states a Cairo communique.

Much damage was caused. Kozani-Bitolj-Ptolemais was the main area attacked. The railway near Korinos, motor transport near Kitros and a station south-east of Katarimi were successfully bombed.

Fires were started at a series of aerodromes, and a convoy east of Salonika was heavily bombed.

A large formation of enemy aircraft which attacked shipping in Khalkis harbour on Wednesday were engaged by fighters which shot down one Junkers twin-engine dive-bomber while another was destroyed by A.A. fire.

The R.A.F. lost four aircraft in widespread operations in Greece and Libya on Wednesday and Tuesday night.

Enemy aircraft raided the aerodrome at Heraklion on Tuesday but negligible damage resulted and one aircraft was shot down, the pilot being captured.—Reuter.

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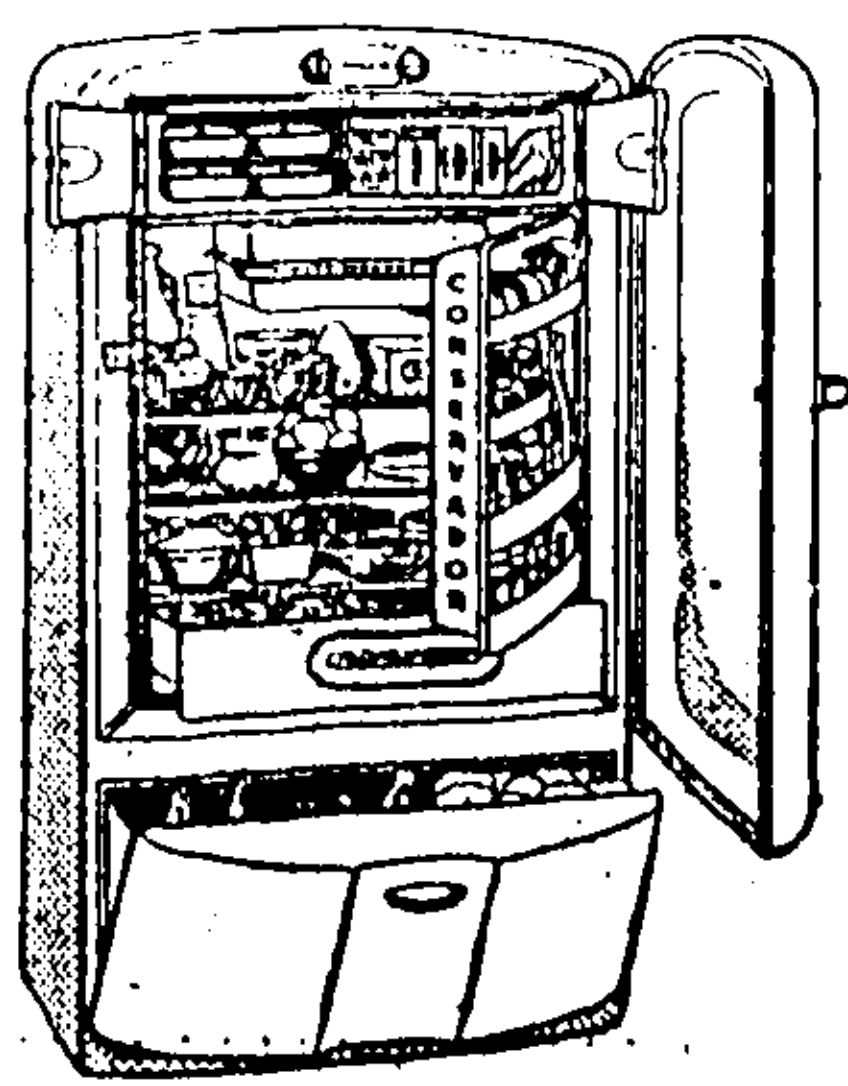
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CRUCIAL BATTLE FULLY ENGAGED

Armies Locked From Mount Olympus To Albania

LUFTWAFFE LOSSES IN BRITAIN

A total of six enemy raiders were shot down on Wednesday night in the raid on London, it is now learned.

An Air Ministry communique states three were destroyed by fighters and three by A.A. fire.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down into the Straits of Dover yesterday morning by fighters, and it is now known that one enemy fighter was destroyed over the French coast on Wednesday.

There was no enemy activity over Britain yesterday apart from the dropping of bombs on a town in north-east Scotland by a single aircraft. Damage was small, but some were killed, Reuter.

The Council of the H.K. Anti-Tuberculosis Association meets this evening in the Legislative Council Chamber at 5.15 p.m. The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will preside.

FRENCH SUBMARINES IN THE MOVE

Eye witnesses in Gibraltar report that three French submarines, and one destroyer headed westward through the Straits on Wednesday, presumably bound for Casablanca, Reuter.

"IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR"

A special Italian High Command communique issued on Wednesday night stated "Following fierce fighting divisions of the 11th Army vigorously resumed their advance on Wednesday morning after having broken through the first Greek resistance in the past three days. The whole enemy front threatened." Reuter.

German Panzer Divisions Held

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

BATTLE IS NOW ENGAGED ON THE GREEK FRONT AND THE ITALO-GERMAN AND GRECO-BRITISH FORCES ARE LOCKED TOGETHER IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE OVER A LINE WHICH EXTENDS FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS TO THE ALBANIAN HILLS ON THE IONIAN SEA.

Much of this area is impenetrable for military operations, and it is a fact that an offensive has to follow certain roads and valleys, that gives the defence an opportunity of making the best use of its limited resources.

The weight of the German attack in tanks and motorised equipment is practically unlimited but they have soldiers who are already veterans of war against them, and the odds are not so desperate as the figures would seem to show.

seems to have been very effective.

The complete obliteration of an Italian convoy suggests that the desperate need of the Libyan troops for supplies forced the Italians to take risks which they usually avoid.

Hitting Back

The fact that British troops are counter-attacking in the Sollum area shows that more forces are available, and the British are beginning to hit back.

The Germans, after the great push from Benghazi to Bardia, will naturally have to pause to accumulate supplies and material before they can attack with the same vigour as at El Agheila.

British local superiority in the air is making this task one that is increasingly difficult and costly. If the Tobruk garrison can hold out it may be able to make the position of the German spearhead uncomfortable. Reuter.

As for the actual fighting, there is no official news on which to base any comment.

In Libya the situation is also somewhat obscure although there are some bright features.

The presence of the British Navy is an important factor in all operations, and their gunnery at Sollum and Gazala

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SUMMARY OF SITUATION ON THE BATTLE FRONT

BITTER FIGHTING is raging in Northern Greece where the German mechanised hordes are hurling themselves furiously against the Anglo-Greek line.

But latest reports are to the effect that the line, although subjected to heavy pressure, still holds.

Australian troops are heavily engaged around the town of Servia, which is on the road from Kozani to Larissa, a few miles west of Mount Olympus, the right pivot of the Allied line.

They are said to be giving the Germans a good hammering.

The fiercest struggle, however, is in progress some 30 miles south-west of Servia, where the line bends towards Kalambaka, to which point the Berlin communique said the Germans were advancing.

Quoting news just received from the front, Athens radio last night said: "The right flank of the Allied Army in front of Katerini (on the Gulf of Salonika) to Servia is withstanding violent attacks by the German forces and is continually repulsing them with heavy losses in this area. "One British armoured company brought down five German aircraft this afternoon."

THE RADIO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ON THE LEFT OF THE ALLIED ARMIES, GREEK TROOPS ARE RESISTING STEADFASTLY AND THE ENEMY HAS AT NO POINT GAINED ANY GROUND.

Most Serious Phase

Earlier the Greek Press Ministry issued a statement that the battle between the German and British forces had extended

along the front and had entered on the most serious phase.

The Germans had thrown their whole weight against the Allied forces and were suffering tremendous casualties.

The statement added that German pressure was being concentrated on three points—at Gevena (north of Kalambaka), south of the Haliakmon River, and west of Koritza.

Nazi Objective

Aim of the German column attacking the first region is the capture of Kalambaka.

The fighting, the statement continues, is equally violent in the Kozani area and on the old Albanian frontier, where German columns have appeared and have succeeded in capturing Kafetkark Ridge.

THE R.A.F. IS CONTINUING ITS SPLENDID WORK IN BOMBING ENEMY COLUMNS AND IS INFLECTING GREAT DAMAGE ON TROOPS AND SUPPLIES.

In conclusion, the statement says all enemy attacks on the Italian front have been repulsed by the Greek with heavy losses on the enemy, and at no point have the Italians gained the slightest advantage. Reuter.

Invasion Suspicion Roused By Violent Raid On London

SALVOES OF HEAVY BOMBS: THE ULSTER LINK

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON GREATER LONDON, DESCRIBED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND AS A REPRISAL FOR THE R.A.F. HAMMERING OF BERLIN ON APRIL 9, WAS OF A CHARACTER THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PRECEDE A NAZI INVASION.

Tons of high explosives were dropped not only in the metropolis itself but also in the outer suburbs, especially those to the south-east, where I was caught in the heaviest and most prolonged blitz this area has suffered.

Heavy bombs sometimes fell in salvoes, gashing the night with blinding flashes and an ear-splitting treble roar.

At the height of the attack, before midnight, both sticks and salvoes came tumbling down together for fully an hour.

In the event of an invasion ordered for the morrow, it would be Hitler's threefold objective by a preliminary blitzing of London to create confusion and despondency on the eve of the event among the general public and to paralyse normal services and communications.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT ONE OR MORE OTHER LARGE CITIES OR AREAS WOULD BE ATTACKED ON THE SAME

SCALE AT THE SAME TIME OR AT LEAST ON SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS

Ulster Too

One area might well be Northern Ireland, which the Luftwaffe blitzed on Tuesday night. Here the attempt would obviously be to create difficulties for the British Army in Northern Ireland had it to go to the rescue of France from an invasion thrust.

Greater London showed on Wednesday night that it will answer back to this ruthless method of attack in which far

VIGILANT OF EVENTS IN PACIFIC

The Australian Acting Premier, Mr. Fadden, stated in Melbourne yesterday, that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after the interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Pact and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific. Reuter

greater material than military damage is likely to occur, as it has done to every past effort to blitz it to submission.

Firemen, wardens, skilled workmen, Home Guards and the Services all showed every nerve to minimise the effect of the raid even while it was on.

THE ATTACK LASTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. THIS WOULD ENABLE MANY OF THE RAIDERS TO MAKE AS MANY AS THREE TRIPS FROM BASES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. Reuter

It is generally agreed that the attack on Wednesday night on London was one of the heaviest yet experienced. German bombers arriving over the metropolis in wave upon wave and spreading destruction indiscriminately on residential and business areas, hospitals, churches, shops and places of amusement.

Of eight hospitals hit, one was a maternity home and another cared for mental patients. In a third, a bomb exploded in the centre of a ward containing fifty women, killing many of them.

Hotel Guests' Escape

More than a hundred guests had a fortunate escape when a shower of incendiaries fell on a hotel roof followed by a high explosive bomb falling nearby and doing extensive damage by blast.

Many of the guests were on their way to shelters when the windows and doors were blown in and the ceilings fell on them, but only a few were slightly injured.

A London club which received a direct hit was occupied by overseas troops, the bomb tearing through the side of the building and hurling the occupants from their beds into the basement.

When the roof of a church was blazing from end to end and large pieces of wood began to crash in the building, nuns continued to remove sacred vessels to safety.

Yet with this toll of wanton and senseless destruction, Londoners yesterday morning were patiently and cheerfully making their way to their places of work commenting on the "noisy night" they had spent, making light of some inevitable traffic delays and generally living up to the reputation for amazing endurance which they earned during last winter.

The American Ambassador, Mr. John Winant, was in the streets before dawn talking with victims and is reported as saying that he was more than ever impressed by the spirit shown by the people of London.

WOMEN OF 20 TO REGISTER

Women born in the year 1920 will register nationally for employment in Britain on Saturday. —British Wireless.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI'S EXPERIENCE IN BLITZ RAID

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, retiring Chinese Ambassador in London, informed Reuter yesterday he had received a telegram from the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow, stating Russia has no intention of changing her policy towards China or of discontinuing help.

In fact, Mr. Quo said, "I understand China was never mentioned in the Matsuoka conversations in Moscow."

Instead of going to Sir Philip to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Bevin and Mr. W. S. Morrison, Mr. Quo left on Wednesday night, leaving for China to-day.

It is not yet known when Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Ambassador, arrives. At present he is in Vichy and can only come via Spain and Portugal.

As China has not yet recognised General Franco's Government, Dr. Koo cannot claim diplomatic privileges in crossing Spain but will travel as a distinguished foreigner. —Reuter

Mr. Quo received Reuter's representative in a room strewn with goodwill letters, telegrams, despatch cases and farewell presents including signed portraits of the King and Queen in large silver frames and Mr. Churchill, and a great silver loving cup from a group of Chinese friends.

Most of these possessions will have to remain in London till after the war.

Farewell Calls

Mr. Quo spent the day chiefly in paying farewell visits, including

ENEMY 'PLANES PAY VISIT TO MALTA

Enemy aircraft were thrice over Malta in the last 24 hours, a Junkers making a reconnaissance in the afternoon at a great height being engaged by A. A. fire. There is nothing further to report. —Reuter.

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U.S. WARNED TO SECRECY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Colonel Knox, Secretary of the U.S. Navy Department, yesterday warned the American Press and radio to care in reference to British warship movements, in the United States for repairs.

Colonel Knox said that a closer veil of secrecy than was marked by the arrival in New York of H.M.S. Malaya must surround ships arriving for Lease-and-Lend repairs. They will enter ports in the future under the cover of darkness, and Col. Knox warned against non-cooperation by the Press and radio, which he implied might provoke "compulsory" censorship.

Public disclosure of the movements of British ships was obviously highly undesirable in order to prevent "very great loss of life and ships," he said, referring to the information which would be given to Germany of the strength of British naval units elsewhere.

It is indicated that the United States is giving close study to the British request to take over the Pacific trade routes, thus releasing shipping for other parts of the world, while the arrival of H.M.S. Malaya "is only the beginning of a long train of vessels coming over to our yards, some for repair, some for overhaul." — International News Service.

BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

"If Canadians do not get a chance to beat up Hitler in Britain, they will, no doubt, in due course, go and beat him somewhere else."

So said Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the new High Commissioner to Canada, addressing the Canadian Club in Ottawa last night.

"Nothing," he said, "touched the people of Britain as the spontaneous way in which the distant Dominions sprang instantly to the side of the Motherland."

Mr. MacDonald described the war as "in solemn truth, a combat fateful for mankind between good and evil."

Referring to Nazi persecutions of the Poles, he added that not for centuries had such arrogant, degrading and evil cruelty which the Germans had inflicted upon the Poles, been practised by a powerful nation. — Reuter.

INDIAN AIR FORCE DEVELOPMENT

The scheme under which the civil aviation directorate will train 2,000 mechanics a year for the Indian Air Force is now well under way with approximately 750 trainees distributed between centres all over India.

In order to accommodate the increasing numbers and provide training facilities for a total of 2,000, other centres are shortly to be opened. — Reuter.

TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR INDIANS

A second batch of 50 Indian boys is shortly going to Eng and for technical training in war industries under the Bevin Scheme, says Reuter from Bombay.

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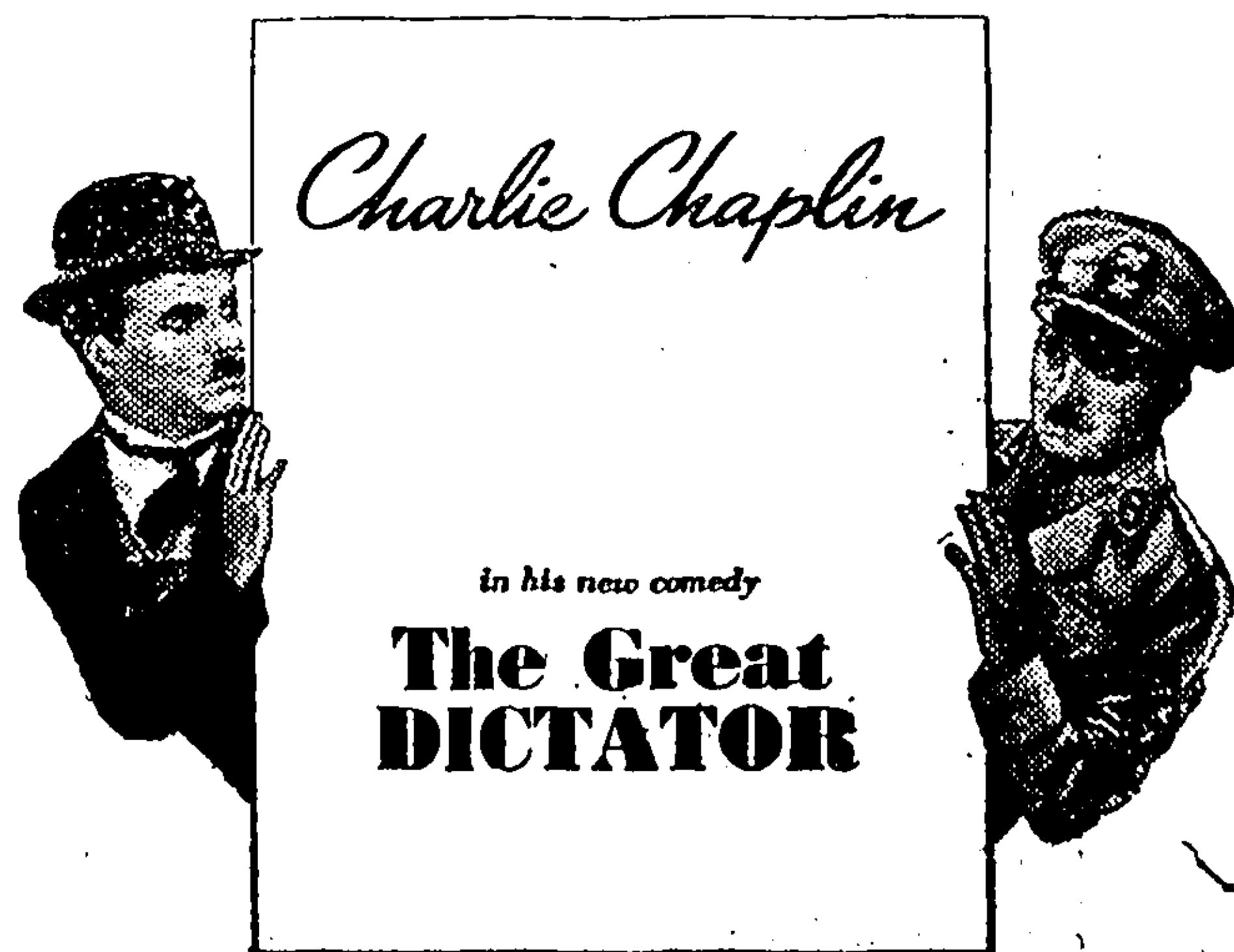
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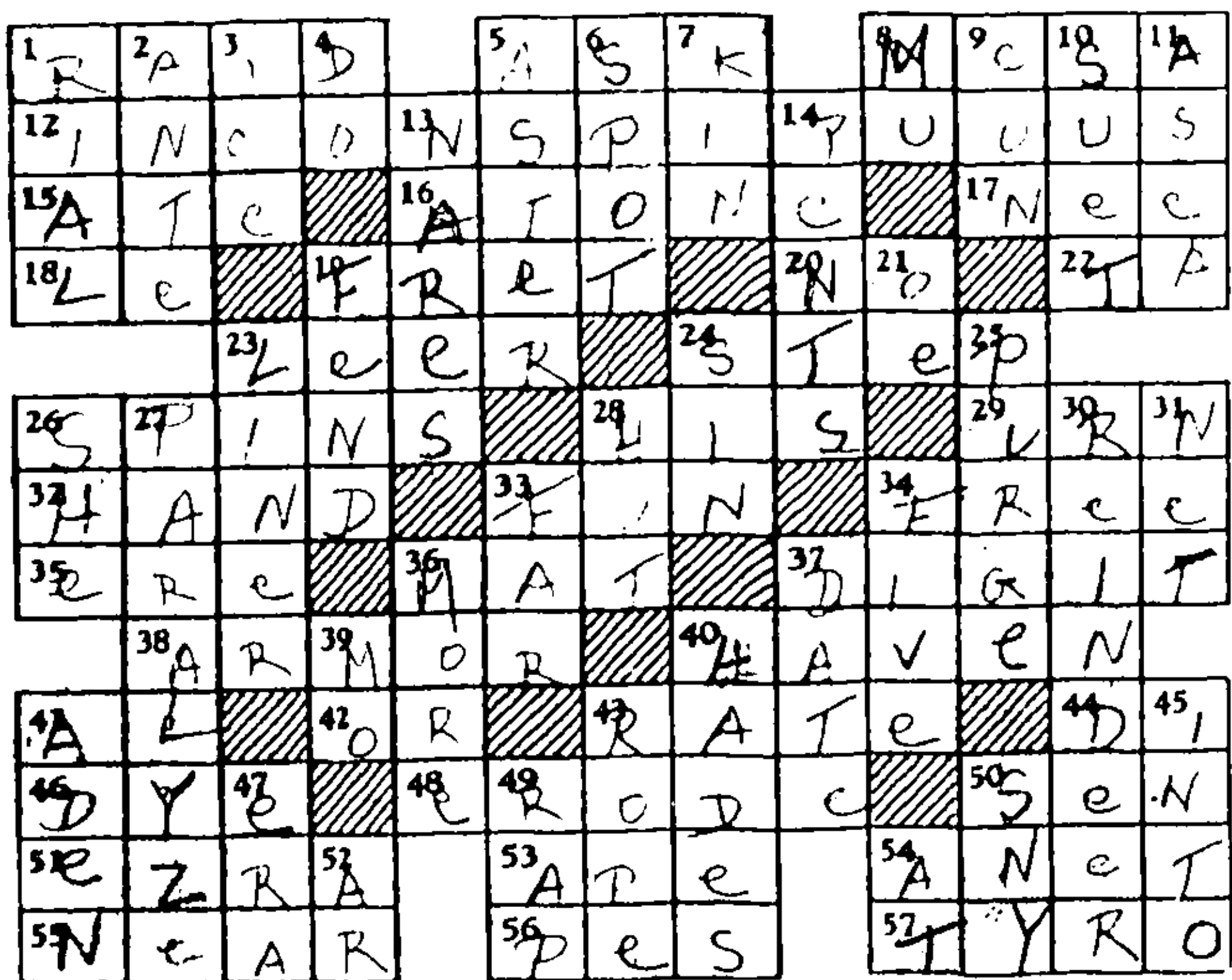
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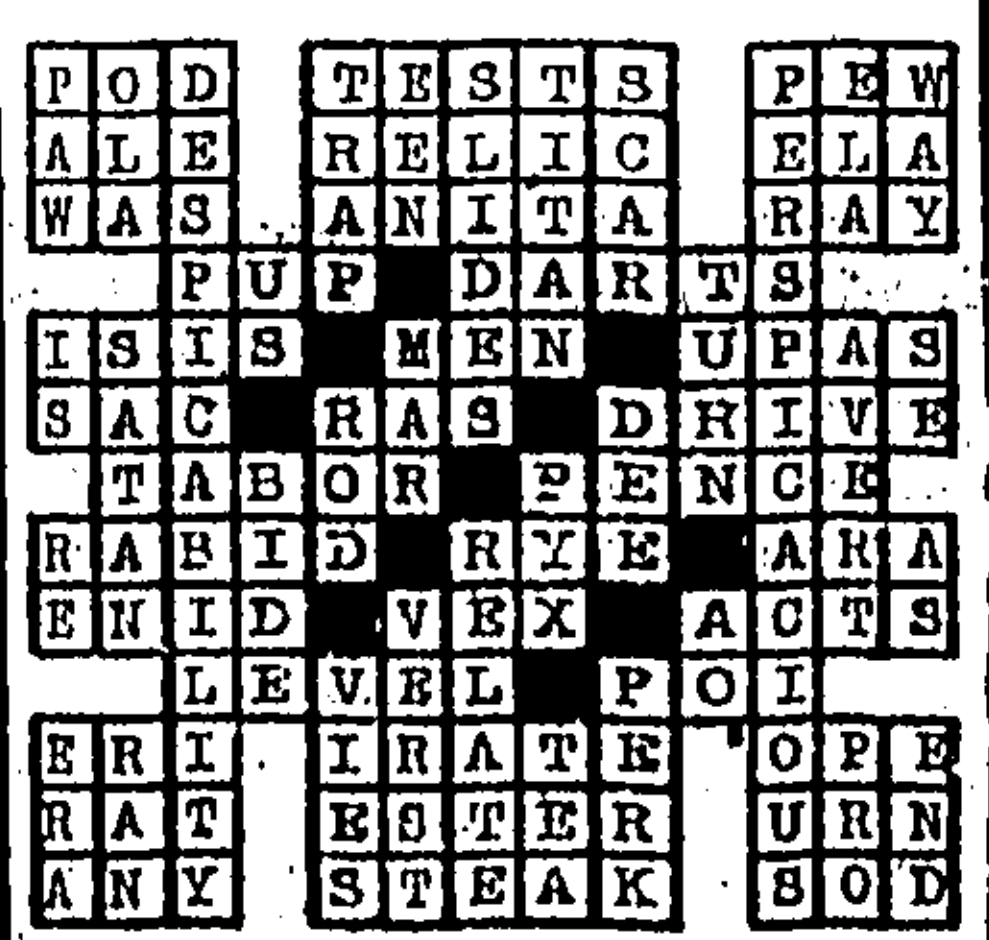
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI

The R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm carried out a heavy raid on Wednesday night on Tripoli, main base of the Italo-German force in Libya.

Shipping and harbor installations were the chief objectives. One medium sized tanker was hit and the vessel burned fiercely for over an hour, says a Middle East communique.

There were many near misses to other shipping. Vessels anchored outside the harbor were attacked.

Several direct hits were scored on the Spanish mole and a building was started at the town end.

Searchlight positions were also machine gunned.

All British aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

SAVING TIME OF SHIPPING

A move to overcome the shipping shortage has been taken by the Dutch colonies.

Shipments from the Netherlands East Indies to New York, which used to make the long voyage through the Panama Canal, will in future be directed to San Francisco, announced Batavia radio yesterday.

The goods would then be sent overland and a considerable saving of shipping time effected. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVY AID

The U.S. Navy is "almost daily" issuing material to Britain from stocks in hand.

The Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, disclosed this while testifying before the Senate Defence Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, including new bases acquired from Britain, Col. Knox declared that work on them was "55 per cent complete on the average." — Reuter.

PICTURES FOR N.Y. MUSEUM

Photographs depicting various phases of wartime life in Britain are being sent to New York for exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art.

The collection, made by the Ministry of Information, consists of official photographs as well as cartoons, posters and book-wrappers, and portrays the gay as well as the grim aspects of life in Britain under war conditions, and depicts the activities of the army, navy and air force and the civil defence services. — British Wire-

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JAPANESE GRASPING AT STRAWS

(This is the third of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

THE JAPANESE PEOPLE TO-DAY ARE PERPETUALLY GRASPING AT STRAWS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS PLACED UPON THEM BY NEARLY FOUR YEARS OF WAR.

For the first time in Japan's modern history, her common subjects are experiencing the hardships, the sorrow and disillusionment which spread chaos across Europe after world war I. Their struggles to escape are natural; the method they may adopt has dangerous possibilities.

Domestic unrest is equally responsible with national poverty for the array of quick cures that political doctors are attempting to apply to a sick state. The spartan-like "new domestic structure," the throne assistance movement and dissolution of political parties; planned economy, including strict regulation of profits and production, and even adherence to the tripartite pact.

Most important is the people's illogical and almost pathetic faith in the "co-prosperity" to justify their sacrifices under the idealist slogans of the China affair.

Divine Mission

Army-prompted politicians fed the sphere conception to the public as an enlargement of their "divine mission of freeing the oppressed peoples of Asia" which started with the China hostilities. Further, they have told the people bluntly and plainly that Japan needs the oil and rubber of the Dutch East Indies, as well as other Asiatic raw materials, for Japan's continued existence as a "highly organized defence state."

Now the army has been trapped by its propaganda. Generalisations are almost impossible about the Japanese, but all who have watched their national life during the past year are convinced that the idea of a "co-prosperity sphere" has been accepted so ardently that it must be accomplished without bloodshed. His faith has not been slackened by the flat rejections of the East Indies and Thailand. The sphere idea merely represents new hope for a tired people, and they have embraced it almost fervently.

Realities

No one can say when the people's patience will be exhausted. They have carried their burdens thus far with remarkable docility.

For more than two years no important victories have been scored in China. During this time taxes have soared; thousands of boys have come home, crippled, blind or in little white urns; acute shortages have arisen in rice, fuel, sugar, milk, eggs and countless other essentials; "black market" operations have become scandalous; war profiteers and high paid munitions workers throw their money about with scant regard for underpaid wretches.

These things are hopelessly real to the people. They are asking more questions, when the gendarmerie cannot hear them. There is increased sullenness and dissatisfaction; the army no longer is revered with blind devotion, although none yet dares criticise it openly.

State Of Mind

To combat this state of mind, the government—with the army always behind it—has encouraged the growth of superpatriotism. The people are told to harden their lives in order to share the "hardships at the front." Amusements have been curtailed, the sale of luxury products banned, the public display of personal finery discouraged. Bars are not allowed to open before 5 p.m. daily—and three hours later the streets of the Giza are filled with roving, singing drunks. Some persons have been slapped publicly for refusing to eat the un-

palatable rice served in "bento," the Japanese box lunch.

Behind this, of course, is the necessity to conserve dwindling supplies and reduce new demands. Medicinal products, for instance, are strictly rationed, with first choice always given to expectant mothers for gauze, disinfectants, etc.

Fundamental Question

The bulk of the people accept unavoidable hardships with only a normal amount of grumbling. But they oppose, by passive resistance attempts to force them into a patriotic mould. Since the outbreak of hostilities, superpatriots have attempted to convince all men to clip their hair and wear national uniforms, while the women should forego permanent waves and other "frivolities" in order to show their sincerity. To-day, long and waved hair is the rule and uniforms are seen in Tokyo on about five out of every 100 men.

Theatres are constantly packed, restaurants and beer halls jammed and geisha, the professional entertainers, constantly employed, despite numerous government decrees which are designed to hobble these activities. This is one of countless illustrations proving the failure of many attempts toward "national spiritual mobilisation" by which the authorities had hoped to quiet their restless people.

Each new idea is tried briefly, then discarded or amended. Attention is momentarily diverted, but it soon returns to the fundamental question—when will the war and our suffering end?

Nanking A Letdown

The emergence of Wang Ching-wei as head of the Nanking puppet government created tremendous optimism throughout the country. The people believed that the end was in sight. But hope died quickly when it became evident that the new government could have no effect upon the war. The letdown was apparent even to the foreigners in Tokyo.

During succeeding months the authorities used many other "red herrings" to catch the common man's attention—anti-British propaganda, espionage "scare," anti-American propaganda, an appeal to return to the customs of old Japan, numerous eulogies of the "divinity" of the Japanese race, and finally active collaboration with Axis partners in a worldwide "new order" superseding the previous idea of a new order for Asia only.

In the middle of all this came the "co-prosperity sphere" conception. It is the only one which has lasted, except for the large idea that Japan should support Italy and Germany—for their return cooperation—in bringing the same "blessings" to Europe.

Germans Detested

To-day, the Japanese as a whole detest the arrogant Germans who have come in hordes to their country. They pity the Italians whom they generally consider "inferior." The common people still treat Americans better than all other foreigners, but their resentment against Britain persists, because they believe the China affair is partially a campaign against British imperialism in Asia. The tripartite pact is not po-

EAGLE FEATHERS SENT R.A.F. BY U.S. INDIANS

Eagle feathers from the United States have been awarded to a small group of Royal Air Force pilots especially distinguished in air combat against Britain's foes, as Indian symbols of courage.

The feathers were sent for that purpose by the Indian Council Fire of Chicago, headed by Chief Whirling Thunder.

PRIEST'S SECRET CODE: FINED £20

A secret code by which, it was stated, information could be sent out of the country, was found in the possession of a young Roman Catholic priest on his arrival by air at a Barton (Lancashire) aerodrome from Dublin.

He was Father George Colum McCabe, aged twenty-six, of St. Ambrose's Rectory, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster. He was fined £20 at Eccles.

Airport officials said that the document, giving a code and its key, was found in Father McCabe's wallet.

Father McCabe said it was a private arrangement between his father and himself—so that he could let his father know he was safe in any period of anxiety.

Popular, for the Japanese still remember how Germany "double-crossed" them by signing the Russian non-aggression pact in 1939. Hence their willingness to go along with the Axis to formulate a "new order" is based strictly on business; the extent that Germany and Italy can help them to acquire the areas they need for the "co-prosperity sphere."

Those areas have not been defined. The people assume that it will include, at the minimum, French Indo-China, Thailand, East Indies and possibly Malaya.

Expansionist military men are known to also include the Philippines but the common man has paid little attention thus far to these islands.

Revolution Possible?

If the sphere is not consolidated some time—how soon cannot be accurately predicted—internal pressure will swell more rapidly than in the past, as war burdens increase. Revolution is possible, and some Japanese quarters hope for one, to remove the influence of rampant imperialists. A series of assassinations, eliminating key men in and behind the government, is more likely. Both of these developments could occur in the name of patriotic duty to the emperor—whom the Japanese revere as a god—by removing the advisors guilty of giving him poor advice.

But the army always has been responsive to internal dissatisfaction. Most of its modern campaigns, including the first Sino-Japanese war, were timed to give domestic pressure a new outlet. The same policy is being followed to-day, although more slowly, than the jingoists want, because Anglo-American opposition is too stiff.

The expansionists may continue to feel their way comparatively slowly, as at present. But there is no reason to believe that they will stop, unless new warfare is precipitated or unless some clever bureaucrat thinks of another way to divert the people.

To stop short of complete consolidation of the "co-prosperity sphere" would mean the imminent danger of a domestic upheaval which probably would strip the army of all the power that it has gained by killing hundreds of thousands of peasant boys.

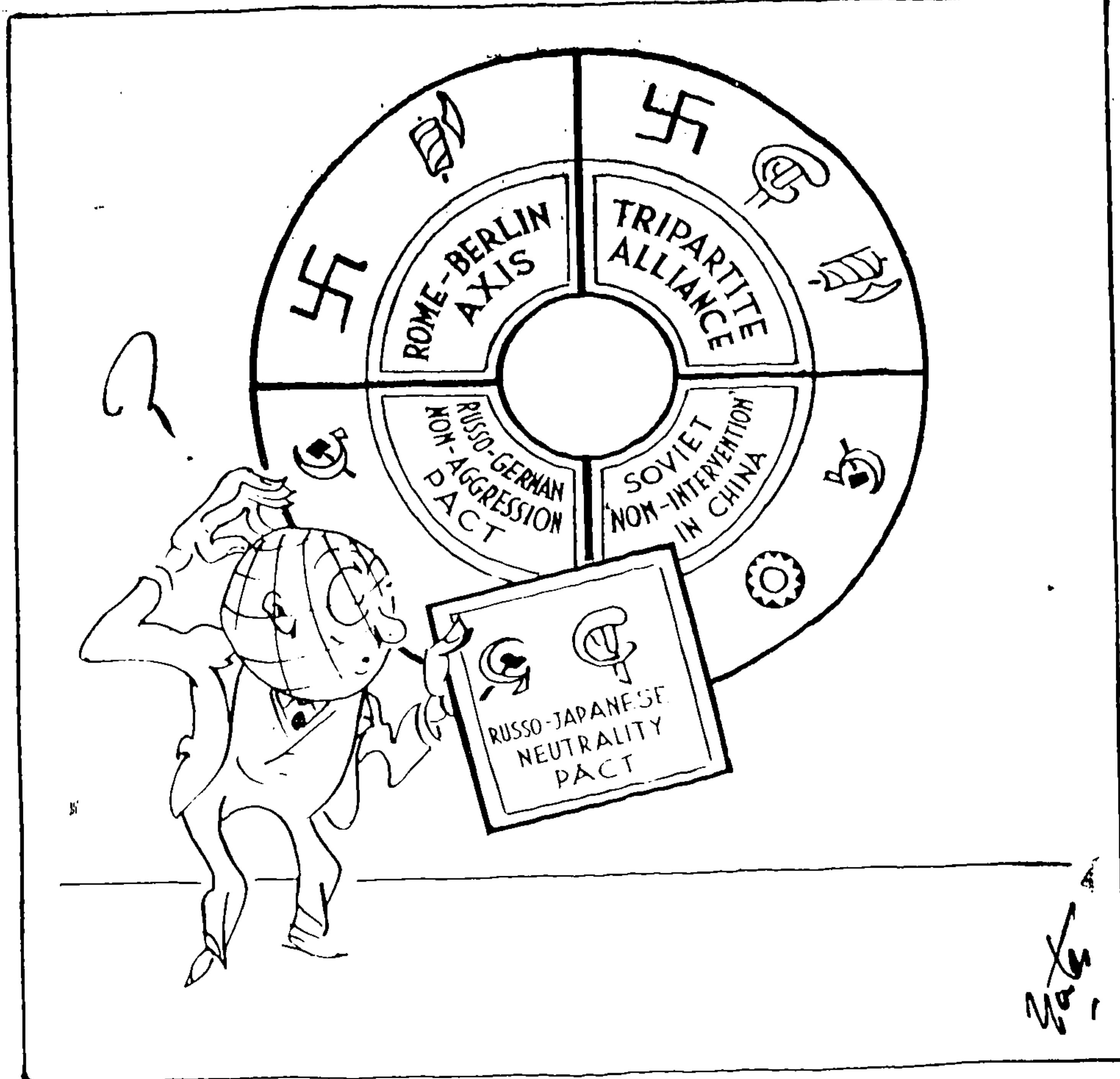
CHINA MAIL
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SECOND SPRING

There can be no comeback for Italy in this war, and this means that as a military weapon the Axis is broken. The threat of the double-edged sword works no longer. Ten months after the black week when Britain was left to carry on the combat without allies Germany reached the point where she too must fight alone. Not one of the pacts Hitler has schemed to achieve, from the deal with the Soviets to the boomerang treaty with the Yugoslavs, has given him another ally. Now, deprived of the aid of Italy, even as a decoy to hold the British fleet in the Mediterranean, Germany must rely entirely on her own armed forces. This is a fact of capital importance, comparable only to the fall of France. In the first Spring of the war, few would have dared predict that the second Spring would open on a turning of the tables as momentous.

This collapse cannot be retrieved by retaking outposts in the Libyan desert. The British forces can take their stand as far back as Mersa Matruh without losing either the real prestige gained by their Mediterranean victories or the controlling position they now occupy in Africa. From now on they will fight only Germans, or Germans plus mutinous Italians whipped on by Germans, and even the Reichswehr and the Luftwaffe, were they twice as powerful as they are, cannot win everywhere at once. They cannot overcome another portentous fact, which is that Britain is finding allies as the Nazis are losing them.

It might be argued, indeed, that the Italian people are their allies. For it is clear to any observer that the reason Italy crumples up is not lack of courage, lack of equipment, or lack of generalship. Nor can Italian defeats be wholly explained by the superior strength and skill of the British Navy or the fierce heroism of the Greeks. Forced into this conflict against their will, against the judgment of the General Staff, against the feeling of the people, the Italian armies simply lacked the heart and the incentive to fight. The people realised before their rulers did that they could not beat Britain unless Germany won, and if Germany won they themselves were beaten. On the home front they de-



"NOW, WHERE DOES THIS THING FIT?"

Testimony Of Colonel Lindbergh

By
Harold Laski

We have been reading, from full American reports, the testimony of Colonel Lindbergh to the Congressional Committee on the "Lend-Lease" Bill. Quite obviously, Colonel Lindbergh is entitled to the view that a drawn battle is the best outcome of the war, no one can invalidate the findings of another man's emotion. Quite obviously also, he is entitled to speak to Congress of the immense air-power of Germany which he saw for himself three years ago. What is bound to puzzle an outsider is the range of the subject matter upon which Colonel Lindbergh speaks with the assumed authority of an expert. That he is an aviator of unsurpassed brilliance and courage no one needs to be told. That he has thought hard upon the problems of aviation is obvious from his experience since his Transatlantic flight. That, since his achievement, he has mingled much with those to whom the issues of international politics are the staple of conversation, one need not doubt.

What is surprising to the outsider is the implication that this experience makes. Colonel Lindbergh an authority upon a range of questions each of which depends for its answer upon factors the knowledge of which can hardly have come his way. The part that sea-power will play in this war; the part that economic strain will have; those psychological impalpables of which those most experienced in the ways of government will take most account; the reaction of Italian de-

cided long ago that it was better to lose to the British than the Germans, and against this conviction neither Fascist propaganda nor Nazi police power could build up a fighting front. The unwillingness of the Italians to fight is as significant in its way as the action of the Serbs. What finally happens in the Balkans is relatively of little final account, the first signs of the second Spring look pretty ominous for Hitler.

tion on stricken France and triumphant Germany, its consequences in the Balkans. Is Colonel Lindbergh an expert upon these? He knows little of the new Britain that has been forged in the furnace of disaster. He knows less of the mounting volume of resources at our disposal. He has never had to undergo any careful examination upon what Mr. Justice Holmes would have called the "particulate major premises of his thinking."

In no sense a specialist in the realm into which he has ventured, he makes judgments about issues full knowledge about which is not only outside his competence, but outside that of any one in the United States save a small official circle. To an Englishman, the use of his authority in a limited field as a basis upon which to advise the legislature of the United States indicates an attitude of mind which marks an amazing self-confidence.

As Asquith once said of Lord Curzon that he had a "conscious knowledge of effortless superiority." It is difficult not to feel that something of the same quality is revealed by Colonel Lindbergh in his evidence.

Does That Matter?

He gives us conclusions; he ought to give us fully the argument for his conclusions. He wants peace by negotiation. What leads him to believe that Hitler would keep his pledged word.

Does he think, what reason has he to think, that Hitler would restore to the occupied countries that way of life to the maintenance of which we are pledged?

Or does he not think that restoration is worth the effort? He does not think a British victory possible. Would Colonel Lindbergh, seven months ago, have thought possible so massive a catastrophe as that which Italy has suffered in Africa? In effect, his attitude is a plea for America

to use her influence to compel a compromise with the dictators. That means leaving Hitler in being with his Gestapo and his concentration camps.

Does that not matter to Colonel Lindbergh? Does he know what they are like? Has he ever talked with those who have been their victims? More important still, has he, after the last eight years, a belief that democracy and dictatorships can successfully live side by side? Most important of all, when he speaks of the defence of America does he imply in that defence, the safeguarding of American democracy? Or does he separate in his mind defence of the American nation from the defence of American democracy?

It was, I think, John Bright who said the worst of great thinkers was that they so seldom thought greatly.

The danger of eminent aviators is that they associate competence in a particular technique with the right to pronouncements on omniscience. We think Professor Urey a great chemist, but we do not think that gives him a right to speak expertly about American foreign policy. We think that Miss Edna Millay is a charming poet, but that gives no special weight to her opinion on America's housing problem. And, in the same way, when we in this country are fighting for our national existence, we cannot but think it presumptuous on Colonel Lindbergh's part to announce the answers to equations most of the variables in which are unknown to him and wholly outside his experience.

A Prejudice

No doubt some of our indignation is the outcome of our view that Colonel Lindbergh has no special friendliness for the principles for which we stand in this conflict. That prejudices us about him.

But we think he has said too much or too little. Too much, if what he says represents all he claims to know; for he knows little more than the competent reader of the press. Too little, if he wants a real assessment of his claim to speak. He ought to give us the whole of his mind. But I doubt if he will risk the dangers of that exposure.

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BRITAIN'S LATEST AND GREATEST BATTLESHIP

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board H.M.S. King George V)

AS THE FIRST journalist to be allowed aboard Britain's latest and greatest battleship, I am able to describe some special features of what is probably the mightiest instrument of war yet created by man.

Nowhere is there concentrated such effective steel protection against bombs, shells, torpedoes and mines, nor so many colossal guns.

It takes more than a day to examine this floating fortress carrying every kind of hush-hush device, including one which might be called Mr. Churchill's "secret weapon," about which I can say no more than that it was inspired by him when he was at the Admiralty.

First thing to be noticed on ascending the gangway is the astonishing thickness of the armour plate, unofficially estimated at 16 inches.

On setting foot on board the deck one is confronted with one of the colossal quadruple 14 inch gun turrets, outwardly as big as an ordinary bungalow.

Monster Guns

Altogether there are ten monster 14-inch guns, as well as rows of 5.25 high angle guns along both sides of the ship, 16 in all, and on a higher level, multiple pom-poms.

AN AIR ATTACK AGAINST THE "KG5" AS THE VESSEL IS KNOWN IN THE NAVY, WOULD DEFINITELY BE A JOB FOR A SUICIDE SQUAD.

Incidentally the fire control instruments, last word in this branch of war science, are said to have accounted for more than £200,000 of the battleship's total cost.

Should the bridge be put out of action by a bomb or shell, the "KG5" could still carry on as there are at least four positions in various parts of the ship from which control could continue.

Virtually Unsinkable

Internally the most striking feature is the elaborate subdivisioning by means of watertight bulkheads, making the ship virtually unsinkable.

The telephone exchange is linked with 1,200 telephones in all parts of the ship, while upwards of 60,000 electric lights make the interior as bright and cheerful as possible in a warship.

Of hundreds of features which strike one during a tour of the warship as worthy of remark not the least are those which contribute to the comfort of the crew, for which every conceivable modern device which can be fitted has been introduced in both the living and recreational quarters.—Reuter.

29 BRITONS DIE IN ITALY

Twenty-nine deaths have occurred among the British communities in the concentration camps and internecentres in Italy, Rome radio announced.

This is considered a low figure in view of the fact that the average age of the 2,300 British subjects in Italy is fifty-six. General health, said the announcer, has been good. Reuter.

Spitfire Squadron Century

When a Spitfire squadron shot down two ME.110's yesterday morning, they raised their total bag of enemy aircraft destroyed to 100.

The Squadron Leader had gone up with the other pilots, says the Air Ministry News Service, on a practice flight over shipping, when they were warned of enemy aircraft nearby.

In a few minutes, they saw four ME.110's which were taken completely by surprise.

A Flying Officer attacked two enemy machines in turn. He killed the gunner of the second and as the ME.110 was crawling into a cloud layer, he fired two more bursts that sent it in a slow spin into the sea.

A third ME.110 was chased in and out of the cloud by the Squadron Leader, who, after several bursts, saw a large piece of the starboard wing tip fall off.

The Messerschmidt turned over on its back and fell into the sea. It was the Squadron Leader's 16th confirmed success.

He is a 22-year-old Scots mining engineer who, until recently, was a Flight Commander in the City of Glasgow Auxiliary Squadron.

His new squadron is the thirteenth in the Fighter Command to score a century.—British Wireless.

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CARGO BOATS FOR BRITAIN

Four United States cargo-vessels have been acquired by the U.S. Maritime Commission for immediate transfer to the British Government under the Lend-Lease Act, it was announced last night. They will be registered under the British flag and manned entirely by British crews.—Reuter.

WAITED 40 YEARS TO WED

The man who waited forty years has just been married—to his first and only love. Through all those years he remained true to her, though she had married another.

At the beginning of the century Alice John Arkell, seventeen years old, became engaged to Miss Ann Derbyshire, daughter of a Crewe tradesman.

There was a misunderstanding, and the engagement was broken off.

Mr. Arkell put that down to mischievous talk by someone who gave him the reputation of a flirt. So he set about proving that that was untrue. He swore he would never marry anyone but Ann.

Miss Derbyshire married Mr. H. C. Dentith, a successful young business man.

The years rolled by with Mrs. Dentith happy in her home and marriage and Mr. Arkell keeping to his determination not to marry anyone if he could not have Ann.

He devoted himself to his business in the leather trade in Stafford.

A year ago Mr. Dentith died.

Some months later Mr. Arkell met Mrs. Dentith at Stafford Station and they spent a couple of hours together.

They became engaged again on November 21, more than forty years after their first engagement.

Now they have been married at St. Andrew's Church, Crewe.

"I am as much in love as I was all those years ago," Mr. Arkell told a reporter.

DYING, WROTE TO MOTHER

As he lay dying in hospital, an R.A.F. air gunner wrote this letter to his mother:—

My Dearest Mother.—By the time you receive this letter you will no doubt know the news, but I want you to keep your chin up and keep smiling.

You know, dear, that a war cannot be fought without the loss of lives, but those lives are never given in vain.

They are given so that Britain shall still remain the first land in the whole world, and come what may, nothing can alter the dignity and love for peace and security that is a Britisher's heritage.

So remember, darling, I along with others died so that our loved ones shall be safe and secure for all time, and, in years to come, others will die for the ones they love most.

Well, darling, with my dying breath, I'll pray that our sacrifice was not in vain and I'll say: God bless you, dearest of all mothers.

Your loving son, ALF.

Alf was Sergeant Alfred Harrison, son of Mrs. Harrison, of Edwyn Street, Nottingham.

DEATH OF MISS RUSSELL

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO RECORD THE DEATH OF MISS MARGARET JANE RUSSELL, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AT HER RESIDENCE, "THE HERMITAGE," KENNEDY ROAD.

Born in Shanghai in 1886, she had lived for 50 years in Hong Kong.

Miss Russell was known to many societies in the Colony for her generous contributions, the Benevolent Society being a particular beneficiary.

Miss Russell's father was connected with the Green Island Cement Company. Her mother died in Hong Kong in 1901 and Miss Russell will be buried in the same grave.

Miss Russell had a nephew in America who is the only relative apart from Miss May Clark, cousin, who had for long assisted her in the management of her leaseholds.

Miss Russell was the first tenant of Garden Terrace. At the time of her death she held leases on part of that property and on "Southcliffe," "The Hermitage," "Courtland," and "Kingsville."

The funeral will take place at the Colonial Cemetery to-morrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.



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GRIM TALE OF NAZI SAVAGERY IN RAIDS ON BELGRADE

(By Reuter's Correspondent "Somewhere In Yugoslavia")

THE DEATHROLL RESULTING FROM THE GERMAN AIR FORCE'S RAIDS ON BELGRADE MAY REACH 12,000, ACCORDING TO THE ESTIMATES OF OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE HORRORS.

Men who saw Rotterdam and Warsaw laid in ruins say that the onslaught on Belgrade was even more severe.

After the first raid, I counted 200 dead alone on the main boulevard in the Terazije district in the centre of Belgrade.

The city was totally unprepared for this attack.

A few miserable shelters were the only air raid precaution measures in being. The fires could not be fought because of the lack of water. Food and fuel soon became exhausted.

Two shelters received direct hits from the first bombs.

Three hundred were mown down in one barracks.

The War Office and the Prime Minister's office and most of the other Ministries had gone up in flames by noon of the first day. Belgrade's leading hotel, the Serbik Kral, was razed.

The German, American and Greek Legations were destroyed.

Mass Attack

Some hundred German planes attacked Belgrade in the first raid. Divebombers swooped down to within 500 feet to drop their bombs. The citizens of Belgrade, standing in the streets, seemed unable to grasp that the war was already upon them. It was nothing less than a massacre.

After a further day and night of bombing, Belgrade presented a picture of one vast inferno, confined within the angle formed by the intersection of the Save and Danube Rivers. Serbian fighter pilots shot down eighteen German bombers over Belgrade alone.

In the absence of anti-aircraft guns, soldiers fired at the raiders with rifles.

German Losses

As I left the city, I met Serbian troops who had received the first

N.Z. COLLECTION FOR AMBULANCES

A cheque for £900 collected by the New Zealand Federation of Labour has been handed in by the New Zealand High Commissioner, in London, to representatives of the British Trades Union Congress for the purchase of ambulances. British Wireless

had, of the German advance. The first German armoured drive cost the Germans 200 out of 700 tanks. Everywhere the behaviour of the civilian population was heroic. Reuter.

CONCENTRATION OF INDUSTRY

STEADY PROGRESS is being made in carrying out the Government scheme for the concentration of industry, whereby some firms will work to full capacity with Government assistance over labour and raw materials, and others will be closed down for the duration of the war, receiving compensation from those still operating, and with a Government guarantee of sympathetic help to reopen directly hostilities are concluded.

Approved firms will be called "nucleus" firms and in the cotton spinning industry, 111 mills have already been accepted by the Government in this manner, while 61 mills are to be closed down and the position of the remaining 229 is under consideration.

The hosiery industry, which consists, in the main, of undertakings of moderate size, is facing a somewhat different problem and one firm, for example, is closing three out of twelve factories, while four small firms are to carry on production in one factory.

An interesting experiment is being tried by firms manufacturing similar goods which are working as independent units under the roofs of one factory.

Six companies making imitation leather goods in Northampton are forming a holding company which will continue their interests.

Concentration is thus being

carried forward in the strongest cooperative spirit in many industries, where the Government realise that benefit will be gained.

It has been decided to exclude the furniture making and the clothing industries from the scheme because the units are so small and varied that the disturbance caused by such re-organisation is not likely to be justified. British Wireless.

GESTAPO AGENTS IN SHANGHAI

A number of German youths, mostly members of the Gestapo, arrived in Shanghai recently to conduct political activities, according to the Chinese newspaper "Cheng Yien Pao."

The newcomers supervised the recent Japanese parachute activities over the northern suburbs of Shanghai.

Well-informed foreign circles agree the parachuteists are not for service in China but elsewhere, possibly the South Seas regions, adds the newspaper. — Reuter.

100, DIED DEFYING HITLER

Mrs. Ellen Matilda Croft, Romford Essex, centenarian, died defying Hitler to the end.

Hearing gunfire, she said, "It's that old devil again, but our guns are too good for him."

She died two hours later, as the "All clear" sounded.

At the age of ninety-nine she was bombed out of her home. She expressed her defiance of Hitler forcibly then, and refused to leave Romford.

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(From An Athens Correspondent)

TWO BRITISH sisters—15-years-old Elizabeth and 12-years-old Helen Grimes—who were rescued from the Italians by the advancing Greek forces, are to-day the happiest children in Athens. With their parents they have just arrived in the Greek capital after months' of sufferings since Italy declared war.

They were the only British children in Albania and lived in Santi Quaranta, where their father had a cigarette factory.

The family were interned and the children banned from the local school. Ten days later they were all moved inland to Delvina, where, three weeks ago, I found them destitute.

"Lived In Terror"

They had been unable to make contact with the British authorities since the Greeks occupied the town. On my return from the

Chimara front I reported their case to the British Consul.

Mr. Spiro Grimes, aged 54, and by origin from Malta, told me that he was persecuted, his wife became ill through worry, and his daughters were not allowed to speak to their former school mates.

"My family lived in terror during the fighting around Delvino," he said.

They will remain in Athens until passage is arranged, probably to Cyprus, where Mr. Grimes may restart business.

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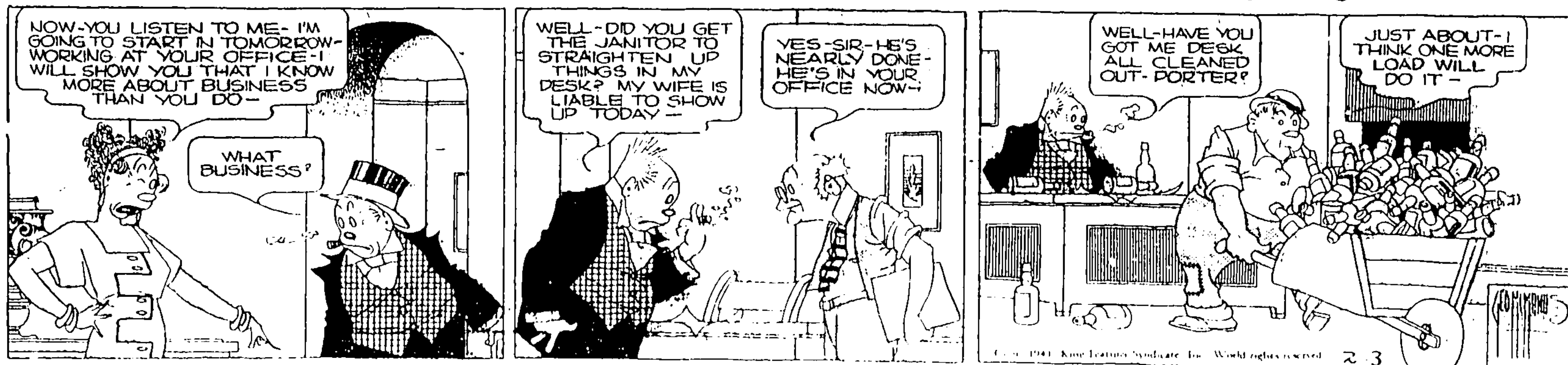
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12.15 p.m.	Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.	Tidworth Tattoo 1934.
12.45 p.m.	Musical Bands of the Southern Command.
1.00 p.m.	Songs by Raymond Newell (Baritone).
1.15 p.m.	New Frontiersmen (film) "Youth Matches On". Riding Down from Bangor Sabonon Lees (Tradition).
1.30 p.m.	Young Awake! (film) Songs of the Rising Tide. Farmer Jangle (G. Fraser) with Chorus & Orchestra.
1.45 p.m.	Local Time Signal.
2.00 p.m.	Variety with Bobby Breen, Connie Boswell and the Western Brothers.
2.15 p.m.	Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
2.30 p.m.	"A Swing" Programme.
2.45 p.m.	Ja-Da, Junk Man's Serenade. Ovie Aldon & his Orchestra. You You Darlin' So Far So Good Duke Ellington & his Orchestra. Doxy Joe Buck Dance Rhythm. Slim & Shum Scatterbrain. Benny Goodman and his Orchestra. Shoe Shine Swing. Lady Be Good. Count Basie Quintet.
2.55 p.m.	Close down.
3.00 p.m.	Indian Programme.
3.15 p.m.	Closing Local Stock Quotations.
3.30 p.m.	Songs by Georges Thill. Nuit d'Espagne (Massenet). Ouvre ton Coeur (Bizet) with Piano. Ah! Tout Est Bien Fini (le Cid, act III, Massenet) with Orch.
3.45 p.m.	Dellibes-Sylvia Ballet. Prelude. The Huntresses-Intermezzo. Valse. Lente. Pizzicato. Procession of Bacchus. Symphony Orchestra cond. by John Barbieri.

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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 p.m.—Light Spanish Programme with La Argentina, Emil de Gogorza, and Conchita Supervia. Cancion del Pale (Sartorio). Cantares (Turino). Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano). La Corrida (Valverde). Serenata (Malats). La Argentina (Castanets solo with Orch). La Sevillana (Yracheta). El Belcario (Padilla). Emilio de Gogorza (Baritone). Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados). New Light Symphony Orchestra. Lamento Bortolomeo (R. Hernandez). La Rosa Oriental (Ramon Espigul). Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Gaumont British Symphony.

"Lamplight"—Selection. Matches. Empire Builders (film). Rhodes of Africa. Music from the Movies (Levy). Waltz—Will You Remember (film). MacTavish. Swing High. Swing Low (from the film). Taking a Stroll Around the Park (film). Variety Parade. Turning the Town Upside Down (film). O.H.M.S.

8.27 p.m.—Piano Duets with Rawicz & Landauer.

Vietnamese Waltz Medley. Intro. Blue Danube. Wiener Blut. Gipsy Baron. Fledermaus. Wiener Bon Bons. Tales from the Vienna Woods. Voices of Spring (Strauss).

Washington Post (Sousa).

Stars and Stripes (Sousa).

8.39 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre Again. Recorded during the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—Request Variety Programme.

The Mocking Fairy (Besly). Elsie Suddaby (Soprano). Bal Masque (Fletcher). Light Symphony Orchestra. Love Made The Song ("Careless Rapture"). Sybil Crawley & Eric Starling with Dr. Lane Theatre Orchestra. Around the Danube (Charrokin). Albert Sandler & his Orchestra. I'm Just Wild About Harry (film). "Babes in Arms". Judy Garland, with Eric Coates. Thru London—Intro.

Knightsbridge. At the Dance (Summer Days). Bird Songs at Eventide. Three Bears Covent Garden. Wood Nymphs. I Pitch my Lonely Caravan. London Bridge. Quentin M. Maclean (Organ solo). Dinah (Lewis and others). The Boswell Sisters (vocal trio with guitar). Alexander's Ragtime Band (film "Alexander's Ragtime Band"). The Boswell Sisters (trio with guitar).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 p.m.—Request Dance Programme.

Fox-Trot—With the Wind and the Rain in your Hair. Bob Chester & his Orchestra. Fox-Trot—I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire. Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—The Japanese Sandman. Joe Daniels & his Hot Shots. Rumba Fox-Trot—Mama Inez. Havana Novelty Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trots—I Hear a Dream. Why Couldn't it Last. Oscar Rabin & his Band. Fox-Trot—Ida. Ken "Snakehips" Johnson & his West Indian Orch. Quick Step—Meet the Sun Halfway. Billy Cotton & his Band. Fox-Trot—The Breeze and I. Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Where the Blue Begins. New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Old King Cole. Swanee. Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing. Fox-Trot—Across the Great Divide. Maurice Winnick & his Orchestra. Waltz—Mammy's Lullaby. The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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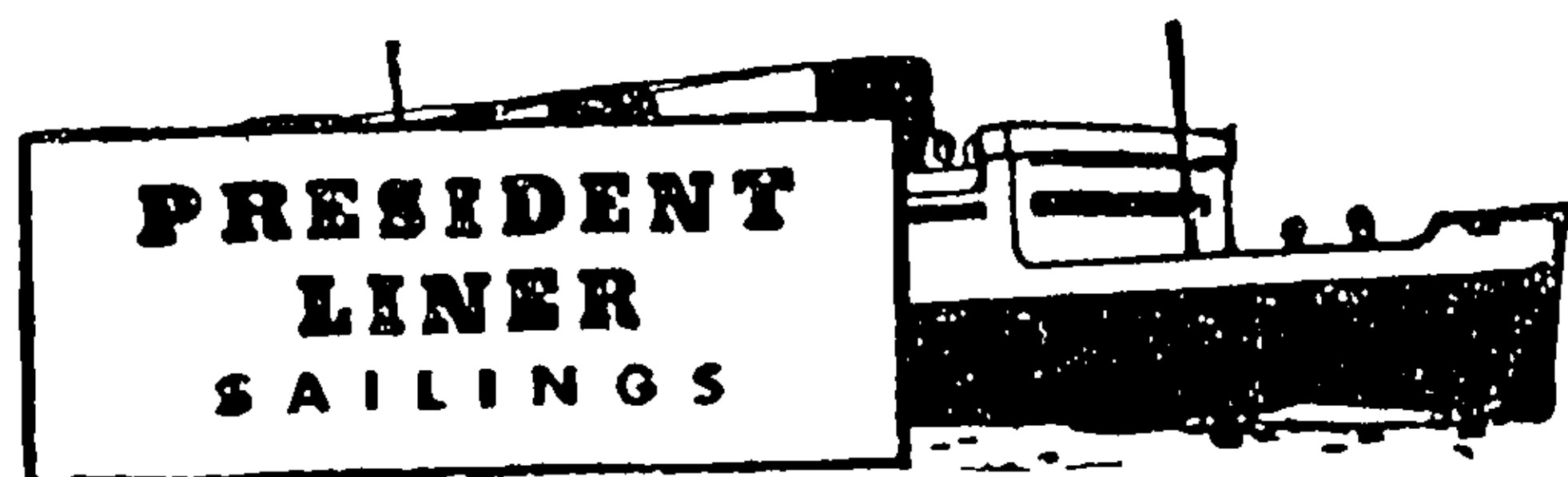
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GENERAL SIKORSKI IN NEW YORK

Enthusiastic receptions were awaiting General Sikorski, Polish Premier, when he attended a number of functions on the first day of his official visit to New York yesterday.

Speaking at a banquet given by Poles of New York, he appealed for more aid.

"Our undaunted people and our firmly fighting army know that your hearts are with them but they are expecting more — they expect that you will act."

The statement was loudly cheered and the Polish national anthem was sung.

A significant demonstration was the spontaneous cheering of General Sikorski by Czechoslovak nationals in New York. — Reuter.

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED

A Chinese art photographer met death in front of the Mohammedan Cemetery, Happy Valley, at about 6 p.m. yesterday, when he was thrown heavily from a motor-cycle following a collision with a private motor car, No. 2560.

According to an eyewitness, he appeared to lose control of his motor-cycle when passing the Monument into Wongneichong Road and crashed into the side of the car travelling in the opposite direction.

Deceased, 30-year-old Fung Ching, was connected with the D.A. Art Photographic Studio in Gloucester Arcade.

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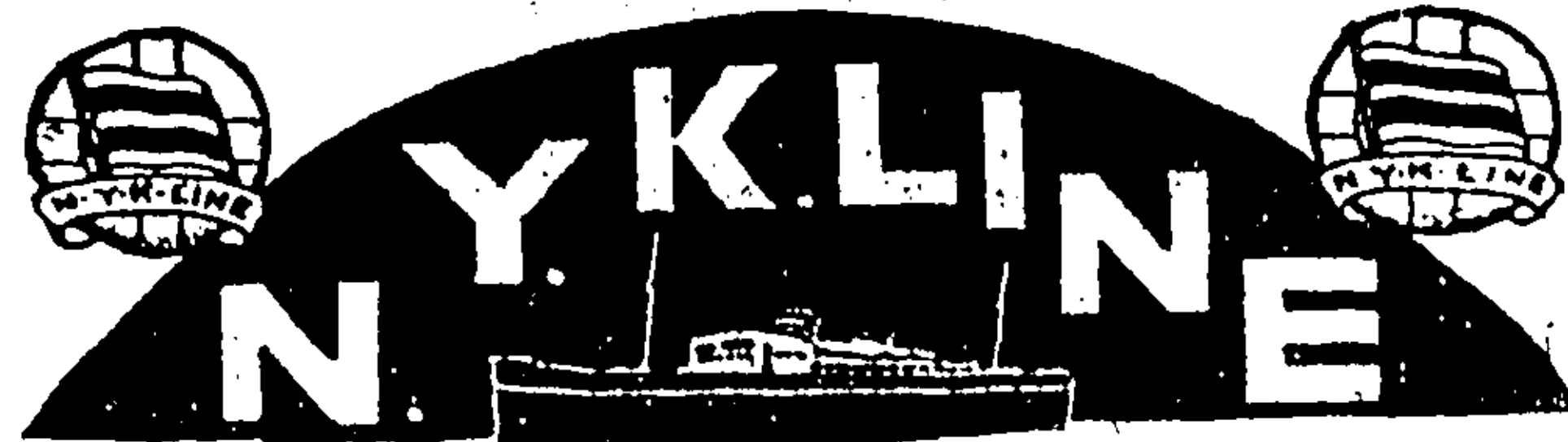
The Chairman of the Kwangtung Oversea Association, Li Chiu Kwan, seeking the support of the provincial and local Japanese authorities for a mission to Malaya and the South Sea to induce overseas Chinese to support the Nanking regime, according to reports in the Canton press.

The mission, it is said, will include gymnasts and artists assisted by displays and entertainment. — Reuter. Special.

U.S.-CANADIAN JOINT DEFENCE

The completion of plans for the military and naval defence of the eastern and western coasts of Canada and the United States was announced by the Canada-United States Joint Permanent Defence Board in Montreal yesterday.

The Board "will from now on devote itself to keeping the plans up to date to meet changing conditions," said the announcement. — Reuter.



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MORE THAN 300 English and French thoroughbreds—stallions, broodmares and active campaigners—have been imported since the outbreak of World War II. A number of them are in training at Santa Anita and Hialeah Park, and several may figure prominently once they get the hang of American ways, writes a correspondent.

They went in more for distance in England and France. Speed is stressed on this side. The foreign horses were not schooled to dash out of the gate. They were rated slower the first part. They were on turf.

On many courses they ran the reverse of the way steeds run here. Used to straightaways and right-handers, the invaders must learn to negotiate corners that are strange to them.

Louis B. Mayer's Hunter's Moon IV, winner of the last traditional Caesarwick Stakes in England, is training well at Arcadia. It is perhaps the most prominent foreigner ever to enter the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Fast Mile Run

Saint Andrews, which arrived from England last August shell-shocked and at a reported cost of \$50,000, was temporarily on the shelf with bucked shins, but phenomenal workou's moved him up among the contenders for the Hundred Grander at the gorgeous plant of the Los Angeles Turf Club.

He startled clockers by working a mile in 1:39.

Saint Andrews did not find his speed twice when galloping into action, but these were educational affairs.

He was bred in France, but did most of his racing in England, where in 1939 he set a world record of 1:59.4/5 for a mile and a quarter on the

"downhill" Brighton Beach track near London.

Heliopolis Fine Record

Saint Andrews is nine years old. One of that age never won such an important event, but the Valdina Farms is high on Saint Andrews being a factor in the Santa Anita.

George Walsh's Chico, British refugee, has not yet started, but is being conditioned on the southern California strip.

Only imported animals showing anything at Hialeah Park are Heliopolis, Bolivar, Raphael II and Piping Rock.

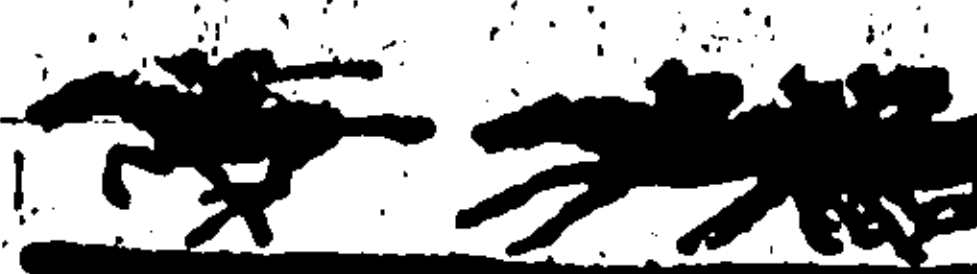
Heliopolis, a 5-year-old bay horse, by Hyperion and Drift, is owned by Elmer Dale Shaffer's Coldstream Farm.

Heliopolis, bred by Lord Derby brought with him as fine a record as any English animal to reach these shores with the possible exception of Papyrus.

As a 3-year-old in 1939, Heliopolis won the Chester Vase finished third in the English Derby to Blue Peter and Fox Club, and then copped three in a row, the Prince of Wales Stakes at Ascot, the Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket and the Gatwick Stakes at Goodwood Park.

The Widener Cap

Heliopolis, which will lug 123 pounds, appears the best of the



foreign lot being pointed for the \$50,000 Widener Cup.

Bolivar, owned by Banker William Woodward's Belair Stud, has won twice over the grass course at Hialeah. It appears to like running on grass only.

Raphael II, 4-year-old by Rodosto-Philomela, won two of five starts in France. Three out of four in this country.

Should Improve Breed

Joseph Early Widener bought Raphael II as a yearling in France for \$275,000 francs.

He bred the bay colt in that country as a juvenile, when he prevailed twice and was twice nosed out in big stakes.

Raphael II's Widener Cup weight is 120, but neither he nor Piping Rock, imported by Marshall Field, appear of stakes calibre.

Beau Pere, recently brought to Deepcliffe Farm, near San Jose, Calif., by Motion Picture Magnate Mayer, sired 15 Australian stake winners out of his first crop of 17. The flow from South America is steady.

These additions to blood-stock can't fail to have considerable effect on the breed of American runners.

O. M. Omar, manager of the St. Joseph's softball team, is well pleased with his team's success and intends to run their baseball team this season.

CIVIL SERVICE BOWLS LOSSES

Civil Service Cricket Club find it impossible to enter more than one team in the Bowls League this season.

Gaps in the ranks have been occasioned by the retirement of Grimmitt, (ex-colony champion) R. R. Wood, and the transfer of J. Hollidge to Singapore.

Bowlers on leave include Deakin, Collyer and Hillyer, whilst A. B. Allan has received medical advice to refrain from playing this season.

Other members will not be available by reasons of military and volunteer duties.

An intra-club game will be held to-morrow at 3.15 p.m. and all members interested in bowls are invited to take part.

K'LOON CHESS CLUB

Owing to the Black-out exercise yesterday evening, there was no meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club at the Peninsula Hotel. The chess room will be opened for players to-day and it is suggested members taking part in the chess tournaments will avail themselves of the opportunity to catch up on adjourned and postponed games.

K.C.C. JUNIORS TO PLAY REST

To bring the Second Division League season to a close, a Champions (Kowloon C.C.) v Rest match has been arranged for Sunday next. The game will be played at Cox's Road, at 2 p.m. sharp.

The Champions will be represented by:

S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, G. A. Goodban, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire and W. W. Parsons, with L. R. Burch as twelfth man, and R. Leigh as umpire.

Rest Team

The following have been selected to represent The Rest:

A. E. Carey (Police) Capt., M. A. Remedios (Recreio), G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.), A. el Arcull Jr., (I.R.C.), M. I. Abdul-Razack (I.R.C.), U. H. Esmail (Craigengower), H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.), U. M. Omar (Craigengower), A. E. Noronha (Recreio), K. Lo (University) and D. Chelliah (University).



WAH YAN ATHLETICS

The annual athletic meeting of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be held on Kowloon Football Club ground on Thursday, April 24, at 1 p.m. If the weather is unfavourable, the sports will be held on Friday, April 25.

U.S. MOVE TO TIGHTEN TENNIS AMATEUR RULE

WITH A CASUALNESS and concord that furnished little indication of the far-reaching implications of the matter, the delegates to the annual meeting of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hotel Vanderbilt recently went on record as favouring the proposed stringent amendments to the amateur regulations, writes Allison Danzig from New York.

The changes, acted upon by the United States Lawn Tennis Association at the Vanderbilt on Feb. 8, constituted the most drastic restrictive measures introduced by the amateur rule committee since the adoption of the player-writer provision some fifteen years ago. The unanimous consensus of the Eastern Association, largest sectional tennis organisation in the country, goes a long way toward assuring affirmative action on the proposition when the delegates of the parent body convene.

The Amendments

The amendments, if adopted, will have the following results:

1. Aside from national championships and international team matches, amateurs will be limited to twelve weeks of competition during which they may have their expenses paid. The so-called eight-week rule will be superseded by a twelve-week rule, but the private hospitality exception will no longer obtain and sectional championships will count against the player's time allowance.

Indefinite Play Curbed

Under the eight-week rule a player could compete indefinitely

so long as he was put up at a private home, rather than having had his expenses paid at a hotel. This dispensation will not be granted under the proposed regulation.

2. Amateurs no longer will be eligible to compete in sanctioned tournaments other than closed club events if they are connected directly or indirectly with the sale of tennis goods or with a firm manufacturing or selling tennis goods. Under the rule as it stands, they are permitted to work for a sporting goods company when their connection is of a general nature and they are not identified with the tennis-end of the business more than with any other department. A number of ranking players have been enjoying such connections and the new regulation will hit home severely for some of them.

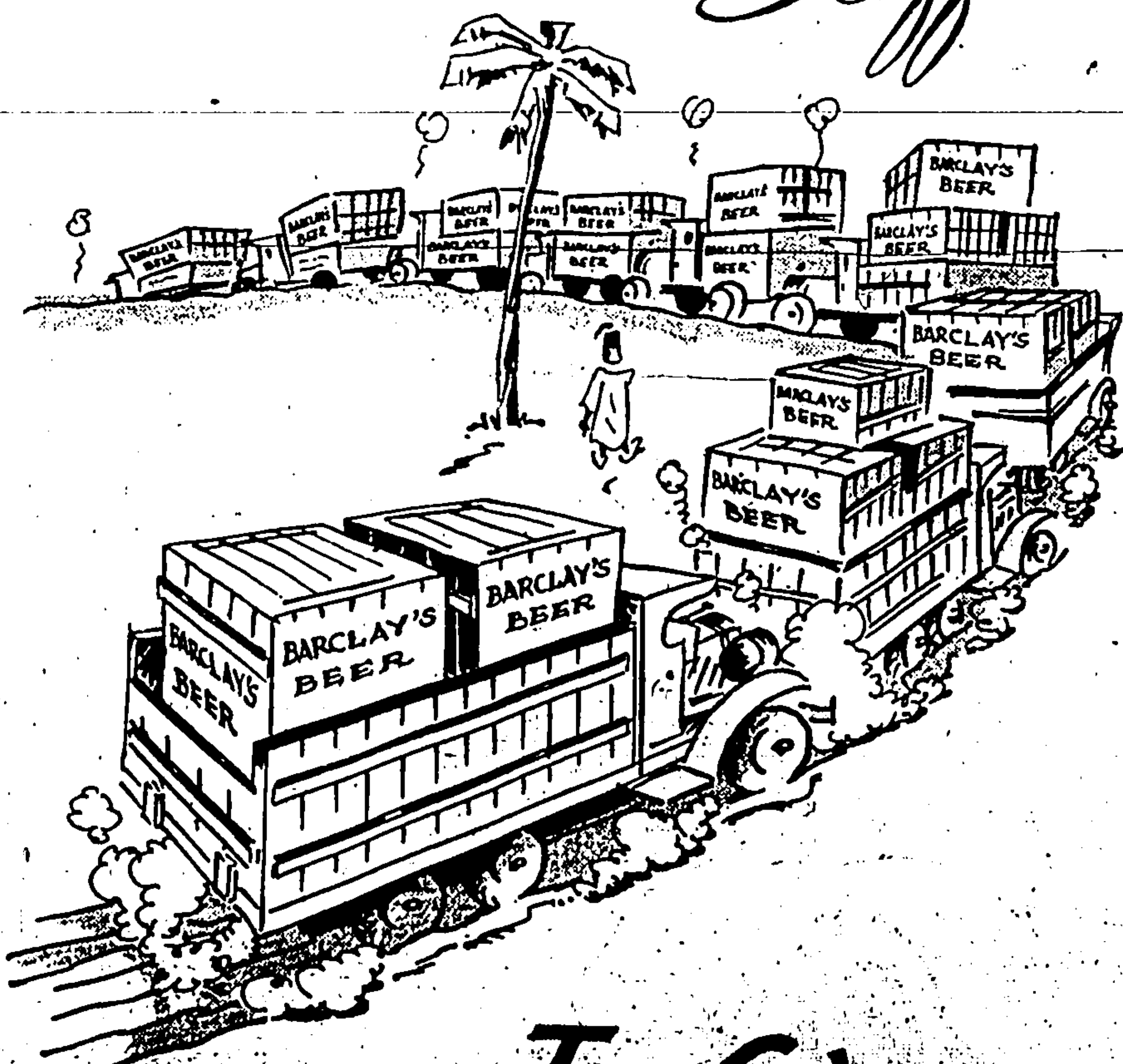
3. The practice of sporting goods companies giving racquets, gut and other equipment to players will be curtailed. A limit will be set upon the volume of free equipment the players may receive and the gifts will be made only upon authorisation of the United States Lawn Tennis Association through the players' sectional organisations. The manufacturers are said to be in favour of the change and have promised to cooperate in its enforcement.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

MIDDIES FAVOURED FOR AREA ATHLETIC HONOURS

Services' Last Major Sports Event On Tuesday

SWIMMING IN THE OFFING

By "Squaddy"

ON Tuesday, on the Hong Kong Polo Club ground the last major sporting event for the 1940/41 season — the Area Athletic meeting — will start at 2.30 p.m.

Following teams will take part:
12th Coast Regt., R.A.
8th Coast Regt., R.A.
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
2nd Bn. The Royal Scots.
1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.
5/7th Rajput Regt.
2/14th Punjab Regt.
Combined Small Units.

Strong favourites for the Championship are Middlesex Regiment, who so far this year have been responsible for some very fine times and distances for track and field events.

The meeting will last three days and, if the weather is bad, the alternative dates will be April 29 and 30 and May 1.

Results so far in the Tug-of-War are:—

110 Stone:—12th Coast Regt. received a walkover from Royal Scots; 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two pulls to nil; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 5/7th Rajput Regt. by two pulls to one.

130 Stone:—12th Coast Regt. received a walkover from Royal Scots; 1st Middlesex Regt. lost to 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two pulls to one; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 5/7th Rajput Regt. by two pulls to one.

Semi-finals will be pulled off on the Polo ground as follows:— 110 Stone on Tuesday and 130 Stone on Wednesday.

Teams for semi-finals are as follows:—

110 Stone:—Winners of the 8th Coast Regt., R.A. and 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. v 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

12th Coast Regt., R.A. v Middlesex Regt.

130 Stone:—Winners of the 8th Coast Regt., R.A. and 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. v 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

12th Coast Regt., R.A. v 2/14th Punjab Regt.

The Athletic meeting which was due to be contested between the Army Athletic team and the

Chinese Amateur Federation on Sunday, May 4, has been put back until May 18 and will now be between the Chinese and Middlesex Regiment, who are considered the strongest military athletic team in the Colony.

List of events for this meeting are:—2 Miles Relay, 440 Yards Relay, 480 Yards Hurdles, 1 Mile Team Race, 880 Yards Relay, 3 Miles Team Race, 1 Mile Relay, Throwing the Javelin, Throwing the Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Putting the Weight.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Area Sports Board will take place on Tuesday, May 6. At this meeting all sporting activities for the forthcoming season will be discussed and any new proposals submitted by Units serving in Hong Kong will be investigated. Units will also be given a general idea of sporting events to come.

It has been suggested that in future years Army Cross Country runs, which always take place on the Mainland, might be run on the Island and so give members of the garrison stationed on the Island a change.

Now that the Army swimming pool at Victoria Barracks is once again in full use, it will be a pleasant change to watch a game of water-polo instead of a football match, while some swimming galas between the different Services, can be looked forward to.

Swimming Every thing is being done to encourage the Water-Polo League, which has been suggested for competition between the Army, Navy, and Y.M.C.A. in the near future.

Royal Corps Signals, who were the winners of both Army water-polo competitions last year, are again in training and are hoping to again meet with success.



DISCOURSE ON RACING

I read a statement the other day attributed to Colonel E. R. Bradley, the famous horse-breeder, writes C. E. M. Brown in the "N.C.D. News."

Said Bradley: "There are 54 different ways in which the best horse in a race can lose honestly."

Oh, yes? And how about the astronomical number of ways in which it can lose a race dishonestly? Tot up the combined total and then add the percentage possibilities of an upset in every race and you have a fairly adequate reason why tipsters go "nuts"—even nuttier than they are to begin with.

Taken all in all, "The Chaser" doesn't do too badly. "Week before last 22 out of his 38 selections placed. Last week he gave you Luckyton and Goldenlight as outsiders — they won."

Harking back once more to Comrade Bradley's statement, there seems to be one problem he hasn't cared to tackle — the number of different ways in which Seabiscuit, the greatest money-maker of them all, could win a race. Records show that the mystical creature was out of the money only four times in 42 starts; after which he retired to do a spot of studding.

Then, as the crowning achievement of a story-book career, the patched-up cripple, after a year's retirement came back in March, 1940, to win the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, won it in the record-breaking time of 2 min., 1 1/5 sec., and boosted his lifetime winnings to \$437,730, highest in turf history. For this fabulous feat, the owners of Santa Anita last February honoured the Biscuit. From the lush meadows of Owner Howard's ranch, they coaxed the retired champion, father of seven and 80 pounds heavier than he was a year ago, to make a personal appearance. First he was to help unveil his own statue, a life-sized bronze by Cowboy Sculptor Tex Wheeler. Then he was to lead the parade to the post for the inaugural running of the Seabiscuit Handicap.

At a press preview, when he first saw himself in bronze, the Biscuit tried to take a bite out of Sculptor Wheeler's \$25,000 job. But at the unveiling ceremony the next day, Seabiscuit behaved with poise befitting a guest of honour. He listened to his encomiums, whinnied with nervous embarrassment while the President of the Turf Club read a poem written by Sportswriter Grantland Rice. Then came the debacle — after the unveiling ceremony, the crowd dispersed to make their bets for the first race. Then they waited. They waited and waited. Then the meeting was called off.

Protesting against the discharge of one of their colleagues (after a knife fight a few nights before), the track's 1,500 grooms had called a strike during the Seabiscuit unveiling. The flabbergasted fans got their money back.

Next day the discharged groom was reinstated and racing went on at Santa Anita. Among other things, the striking grooms demanded that they be permitted to watch the races from the grandstands. It's a good thing our mafiosos here haven't as yet cottoned on to the idea of demanding the members' privileges.

EASY VICTORY FOR TSUI BROTHERS

By "Adrem"

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui yesterday entered the semi-final of the Colony tennis tournament when they beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung 6-2, 6-4 on the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Beyond establishing that the Tsui brothers are in excellent form, the match was most uninteresting, both Fincher and Hung being quite unable to cope with the all-round play of their opponents.

The first set was over in something less than 15 minutes, there being no rallies to speak of. The second set was even worse. The Tsuis rattled off five games before the opposition appeared to realise what it was all about. They then slackened off perceptibly, gave the sixth game away, and then, with Fincher and Hung showing slight improvement, lost the next three games before they clumped down and went out at 6-4.

It is probable that Fincher and Hung, in all their years of tournament tennis, have never been made to look so second-rate as they were yesterday, and it must, in fairness to the Tsuis, be said that the latter were in top form and this had much to do with the complete overshadowing of the K.C.C. pair as anything.

Club Match Postponed

The match between R. E. Guest and M. Pagh in the semi-final of the Club Championship was postponed until Tuesday.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

H. D. Rumjahn v Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest (—15.1) v G. W. Sewell (—4/6) (8).

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Following is the programme of Colony tennis tournament matches for next week:—

Monday

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final

R. E. Guest (—15.1) or G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v. T. J. Gould (—15.2) (8).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (—15) (4).

Tuesday

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher or Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade v. F. W. Carter (7); R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh (8).

Thursday

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

Friday

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Final

C. H. R. Oxlade or F. W. Carter v. R. E. Guest or M. Pagh (Stand Court).



TO-MORROW'S LAWN BOWLS

Following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon C.C., on the latter's green, to-morrow: J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); L. M. Roza; J. Pau; K. M. Omar, U. M. Omar (skip); Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rosset (skip); W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd, T. Lock (skip); J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, N. P. Karanjia, M. J. Medina (skip); S. R. Solina, C. W. Lam, W. Ward, H. W. Randall (skip).

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:

SUNDAY		Old Course
9.16 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.	
9.20 ..	M. A. Annett, J. B. Harrison.	
9.24 ..	T. E. Pearce, J. A. Plummer.	
9.28 ..	L. R. Andrewes, H. W. Belsley.	
9.32 ..	G. F. Murphy, A. W. Bourne.	
9.36 ..	A. B. Purves, G. M. Park.	
9.40 ..	R. Forrest, S. L. Lloyd.	
9.44 ..	I. H. Geare, T. Megarry.	
9.48 ..	W. Woodward, W. W. C. Shevan.	
9.52 ..	J. E. Jupp, A. C. Meredith.	
9.56 ..	A. C. Lamb Gasper, F. A. Dinsdale.	
10.00 ..	B. O. Baldwin, F. N. Merritt.	
10.04 ..	H. W. Dulle, I. H. C. Hight.	
10.08 ..	A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collins.	
10.12 ..	C. M. Poulsen, J. G. Jensen.	
10.16 ..	A. K. Mackenzie, Col. Rose.	
10.20 ..	R. D. Gillespie, J. C. Taylor.	
10.24 ..	A. H. Penn, H. H. Mundy.	
10.28 ..	A. M. Kennedy, I. P. Tamworth.	
10.32 ..	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.	
10.36 ..	R. Allen, S. C. Feltham.	
New Course		
9.20 a.m.	G. G. Altknecht, R. C. Gairdner.	
9.24 ..	P. E. Annis, H. M. Rowland.	
10.28 ..	R. H. Challinor, K. R. Quick.	
10.32 ..	A. H. Guinness, H. A. Mills.	
10.40 ..	R. Parkin, Miss Kelly.	

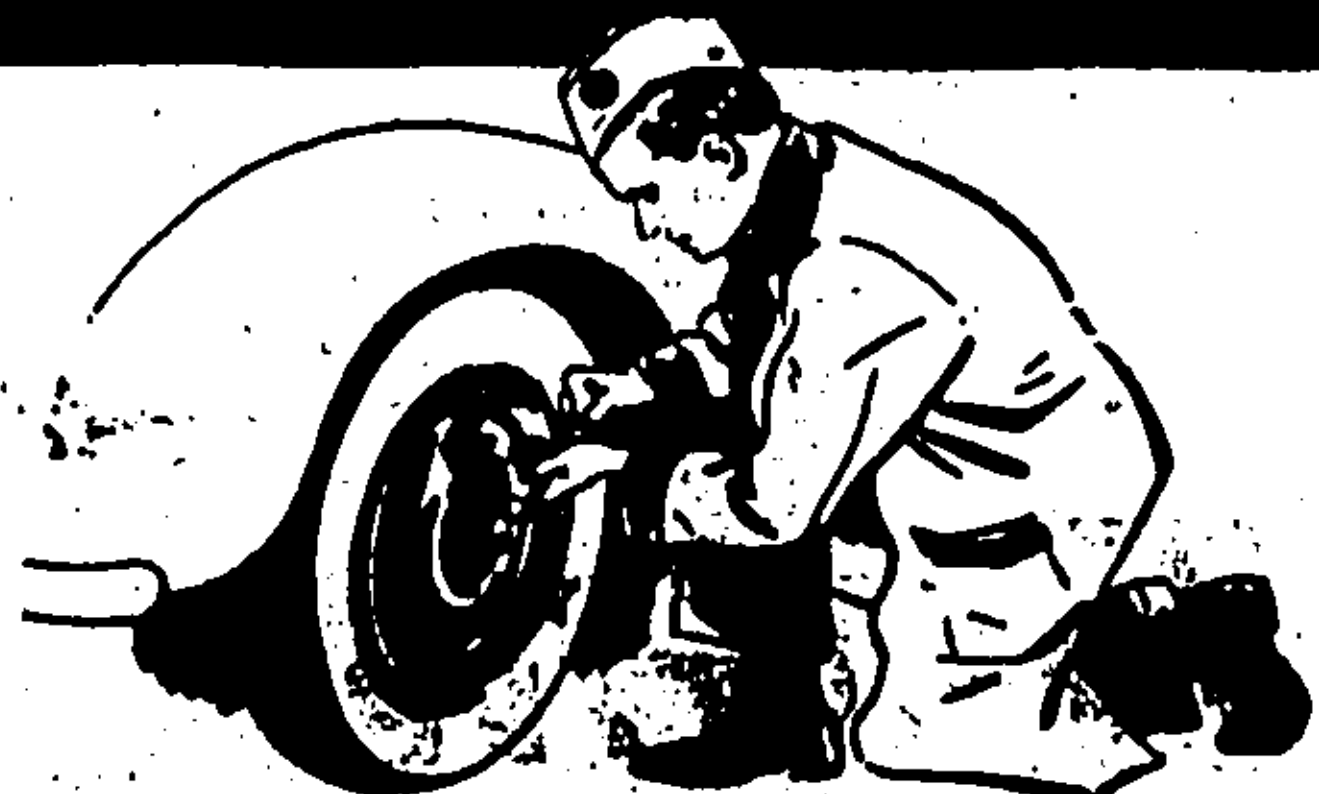
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GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF ARMSTRONG'S LAST FIGHT

Extremely Gallant Come-Back Effort That Failed

A BIG PROGRAMME OF BOUTS FOR LOUIS

ONE MORE FOR J. Shufflin' Louis, the busiest heavyweight champion the gloved game has known. The prospective victims who received samples of what the Dark Destroyer handed to Red Burman are Gloomy Gus Dorazio, Ample Abe Simon, and Osculatory Arturo Godoy, the Kissing Bug of the Andes. After that, if all goes according to form there will be a Louis-Conn bout, writes John Kieran from New York, in an article dated February.

That may be slightly different. The Conn Man from Pittsburgh is a fast and fancy fellow with his fists. Speed and youth go together. Which is another way of saying that when youth goes, speed goes. It's the notion in this corner that J. Shufflin' Louis isn't quite as fast as he once was. He isn't as quick with the wing shots as he used to be. He's older, wiser, stronger. But where he used to strike like lightning, it's now the boomboom of the heavy artillery. He still hits with terrific force, but he doesn't tag the momentarily exposed target as he did in the earlier exciting nights when he was blasting his way to fame.

Red Burman bothered him a bit. Not with blows but with bobbing and weaving. A few years ago the younger Louis, the way Burman fought, would have nailed his man before the fifth round. Burman didn't run away and hide. He came weaving in.

A Growing Problem

What came to mind as Louis hesitated in letting fly at Burman's weaving chin was that the champion is now faced with a growing problem. It's a small matter when he is called upon to meet a Burman. It may be a small matter when he goes against Dorazio, Simon and Godoy in that order.

One way or another, and sooner or later, the Dark Destroyer figures to blow them down. He hasn't missed yet, though he had to go around the second time to catch up with such bounding boys as Bob Pastor and Arturo Godoy. But he got his man in each case. What matter which way they fall?

Well, the point is that, if he no longer is as keen as he once was, on sight draft or wing shots, a shifty gent and fancy boxer like Billy the Conn Man might have a chance to go the distance and even pile up enough points to take the crown away from Louis. Of course, if the Shuffler ever nailed

Conn, his handlers might have to go back six rows into the ring-side seat, to pick up the body of their fallen fighter. That much is readily conceded in this corner.

Getting Smarter

However, his added years have not been altogether a handicap to J. Louis Barrow. He's smarter than he was the night he took that terrible beating from Schmeling the first time they met. When he found Burman's chin an elusive target to hit and a tough one to dent when he did land, he shifted his attack downstairs. Burman couldn't shift his boiler region around as fast as he could bob and weave with his head. So Louis laid into him and ruined his mid-section. Three or four to the boiler room left Red a complete and sunken wreck.

So maybe J. Shufflin' Louis doesn't have to worry for some time yet. He isn't the worrying kind, anyway. Nor is it the general opinion that he will have to be razor-keen and lightning-fast to hold his own meaning the heavyweight championship against the assault of Gloomy Gus Dorazio, Ample Abe Simon and Osculatory Arturo, the capering chap from Chile. Louis may have a more serious problem in Billy Conn and may be Lou Nova later, but the Dark Destroyer may think up something or be told something that will fend off those fellows too.

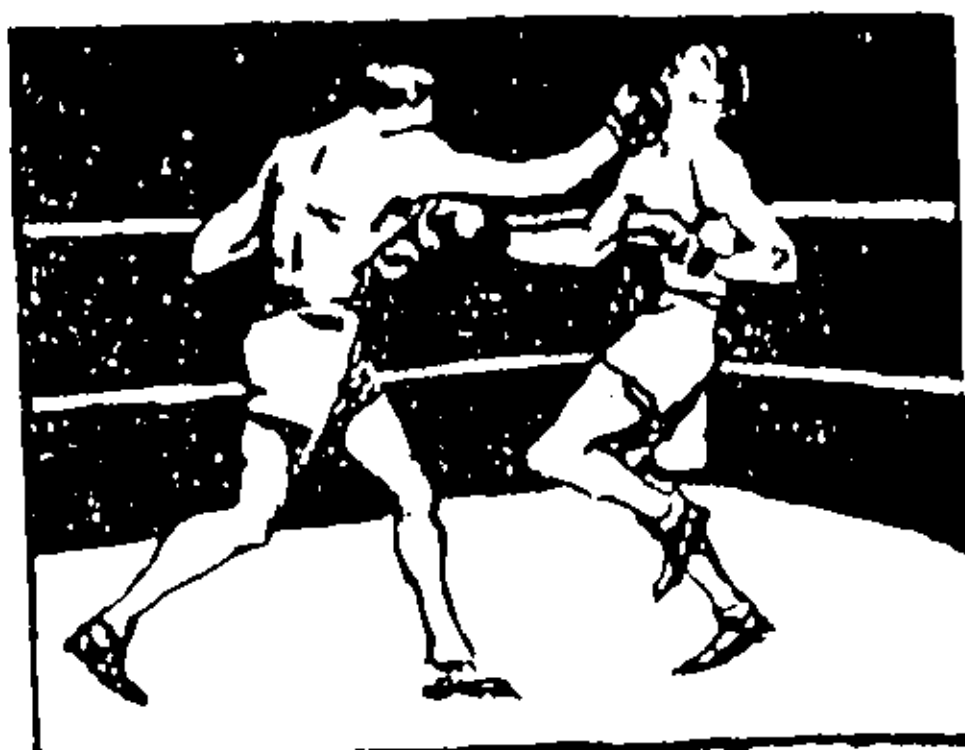
There is the further chance that the scheduled campaign may be halted by the induction of Joe Louis into military service. Joe says he'll take that in stride, too, if they ask him.

Two Schools Of Thought

Apropos of the call of noted athletes to Army life, there are two schools of thought. One is that the athletes should be the first to come a-running when the country calls. They have the build for it. They can set good examples for other fellows who may be slower of foot or not so belligerent of disposition. They can show that the defence programme is a united effort in which one and all must share, regardless of personal sacrifices. Thus a ball player drawing \$18,000 a year who exchanges that for a soldier's stipend, or a fighter like Louis taking Uncle Sam's small purses instead of the big ones offered by Uncle Mike Jacobs, would be a fine object-lesson for the young men of the nation. It wouldn't leave those making lesser financial sacrifices much room to kick.

The other school of thought has it that it isn't profitable to put a fellow like J. Shufflin' Louis or, for that matter, Hank Greenberg, into a soldier's suit. Those fellows make big money. They pay big income taxes. A Greenberg on the ball field or a Louis in the ring contributes enough money in income taxes to keep a whole platoon under arms.

Maybe that's a good argument as far as money goes, but spirit counts in an "all out" defence programme, too and the sight of notable athletes playing around while anonymous bowlegged clerks or labourers marched



off to cautions wouldn't give any great spiritual lift to the defence programme.

Outside The Ropes

However, this essay is on pugilism and that other argument is outside the ropes. It just came to mind and was mentioned in passing, which is the way it was heard.

What this observer saw in the Louis-Burman bout was something like the cool wind or the lazy leaf that come drifting down on some late day in August. It's Summer yet, but that first falling leaf—well, Summer doesn't last forever—and even Joe Louis some day must go downhill.

JACK OF ALL SPORTS

The excellent state of the Army football and cricket grounds at Sookunpoo is due to the care and attention of L/Cpl Glasgow, of Royal Scots, the groundsman.

Glasgow is not only the caretaker of the grounds but is also a dependable reserve for many different sports. Tennis players short of a partner can always call on Glasgow, who has also often completed a depleted hockey team, while last week one of the tough judges did not appear and he officiated.

GIRLS' SCHOOL SPORTS

French Convent Girls' School will hold their annual sports meeting on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, on Monday, April 21, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Headmaster of Queen's College, will distribute the prizes.

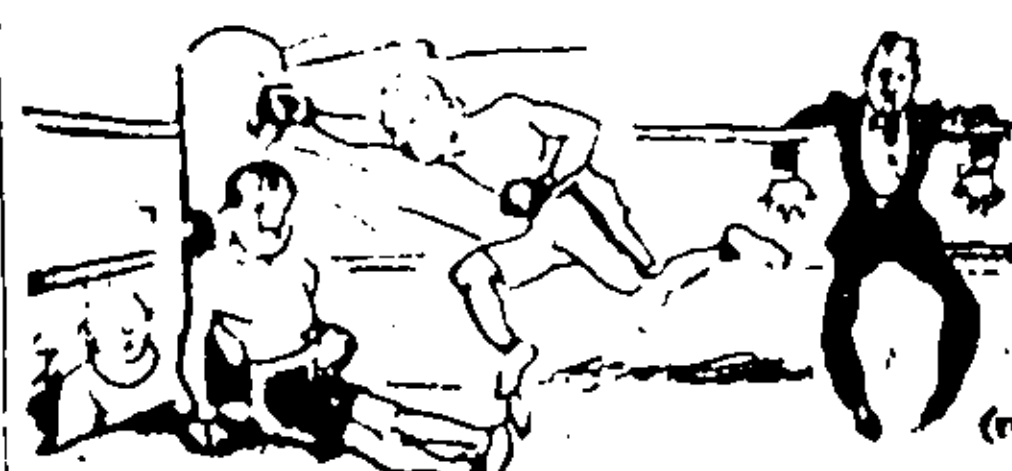
Cut And Bleeding Fights To Last

NEVER BEFORE had there been so many people crammed into Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. Besides the 23,000 who filled every seat to the rafters, there were thousands standing three-deep. Outside, police formed a wall around the Garden to keep all but ticket holders away, writes an American Correspondent.

The crowd had gone to see a prize fight. More than that, they had gone to cheer a gallant little Negro spindly-shanked, kinky-haired Henry Armstrong. Two years ago, at 25, Henry Armstrong held three world's championships (featherweight, lightweight, welterweight), a feat unmatched by any other fighter, white or black. He renounced his featherweight title, lost his lightweight crown to Lou Ambers. Then, last October, after defending his welterweight championship 19 times, the little tornado, whose gameness and stamina made him one of the most extraordinary fighters of all time, lost the last of his crowns to Fritzie Zivic, youngest of Pittsburgh's five "Fighting Zivics."

Do Or Die

At last little Henry faced Zivic again, in a do-or-die attempt to win back the welterweight title. Armstrong had just received the Neil Memorial Trophy, annually awarded to the most praiseworthy



fighter of the year. He will take Zivic this time, fight fans figured, now that surgeons have removed the bothersome scar tissue from around his eyes. But before the first round was over, the crowd realised how wrong they were. Instead of his customary windmill attack, Armstrong tried to box, scarcely landed a blow. In awe, some silence they watched round after round. The tiny dynamo, after ten years of punching, was running down at last. Gaily he swung, but Zivic landed two for one.

By the fifth round, Armstrong's eyes were dripping blood. By the tenth, he looked like an idiot, face swollen, eyes closed, mouth open.

Roaring Mass

Then suddenly the fans rose to their feet in a roaring mass. As if some unseen transformer had hooked on a new supply of power, Armstrong was the dynamo of days gone by. His little fists smashed Zivic with savage fury. It was a superhuman rally, one its witnesses will never forget. But it was too late. After 52 seconds of the 12th round, Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight. Three times (after the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds) he had peered anxiously at Armstrong's wounds. His eleventh-round warning—"Just one more round, Henry!"—had spurred the chocolate soldier to his last stand.

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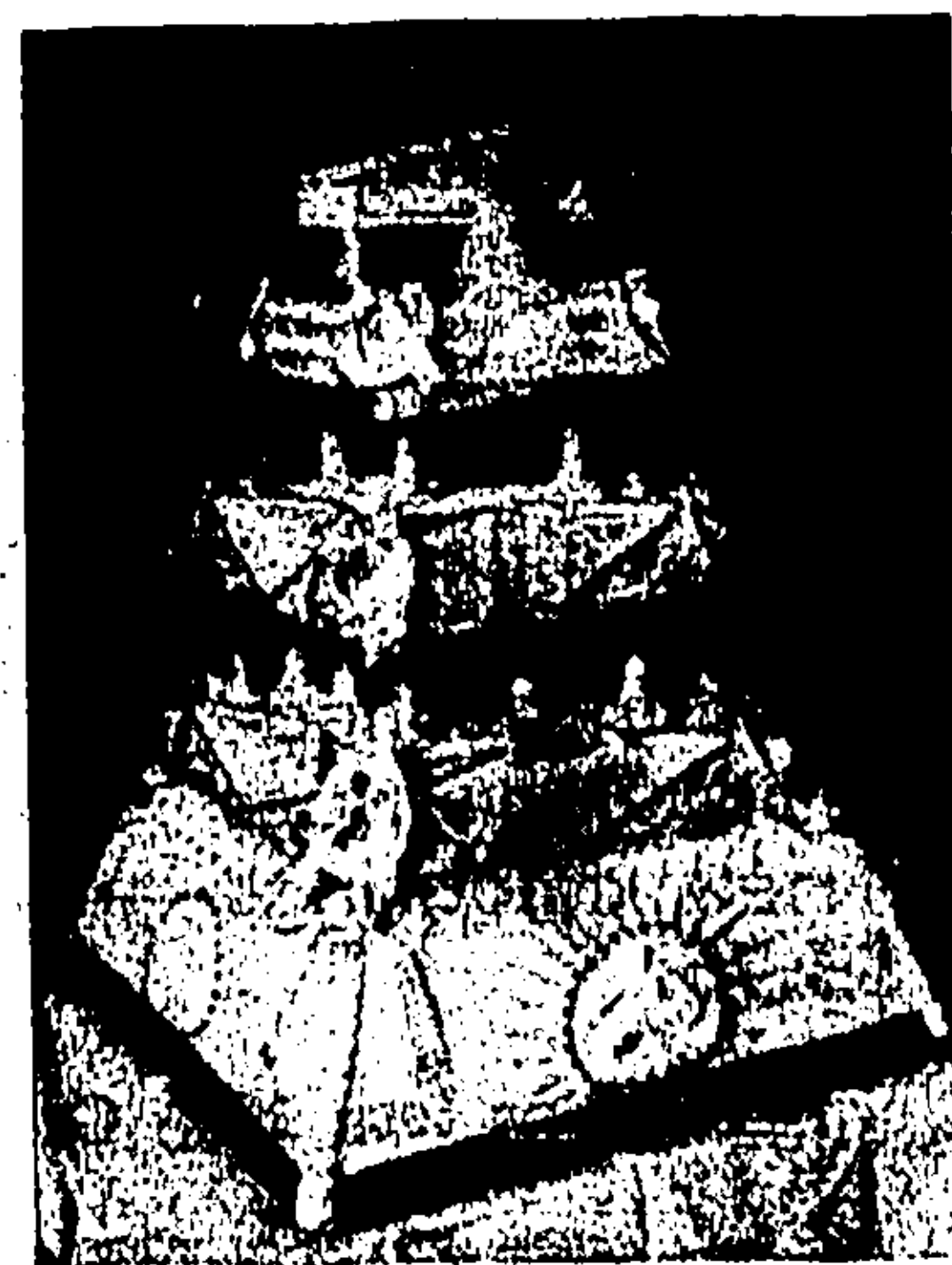
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NAVY IN ACTION ON LIBYAN COAST

Inflict Heavy Damage On Stalled Nazi Machine

FIVE-HOUR RAID ON BREMEN

By attacking Bremen on Wednesday night, aircraft of the Bomber Command struck a double blow, both against German industry and against the resources which help to sustain enemy's commerce raiders in the Atlantic, says the Air Ministry News Service.

Shipyards, which, in peacetime, used to build great liners like the "Bremen" were one focus of the attack, while other squadrons concentrated on the industrial centres of Bremen on the right bank of the Weser.

The attack lasted for over five hours.

It was not a night when the results of the bombing could be observed in detail, but our pilots were able to get some idea of the damage they were doing by watching the spreading patches of suffused red in the dark veil which covered the city.

Steadily and methodically they began fires, bombed them, and saw they were stretching outwards, before they turned for home to make again the journey through the clouds, which hung over the North Sea — British Wireless.

Axis Force Completely Checked

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OVER 76,000 ITALIAN TROOPS FACE SURRENDER AND THE STATUS OF PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER CAPITULATION TERMS NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN ITALIAN EAST AFRICA AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL CUNNINGHAM, WHERE AN ENVOY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA IS NEGOTIATING.

At the same time, on the North African front, German and Italian troops remain completely checked at Tobruk and Sollum, according to official information in Cairo.

The big guns of powerful units of the British fleet have been in action along the wide stretch of the Libyan and Egyptian coasts and have inflicted severe losses upon the stalled German armoured machine.

The Navy has further aided the operations by partially encircling the Imperial garrison at Tobruk by protective guns, it is officially stated. International News Service.

A communique issued by the British Headquarters in the Middle East yesterday says that in Libya, further attacks on the defences of Tobruk were repulsed by artillery fire and the enemy again suffered heavy casualties.

One of the British patrols successfully penetrated an enemy position outside the defences of Tobruk, capturing seven Italian officers and 139 other ranks.

Many Prisoners

During Wednesday's operations, 25 officers and 767 other ranks were captured. In addition, over 200 enemy dead were left on the field.

In the Sollum area, British patrols continued their activity. In the Sollum area, our patrols have continued their rigorous activity. In one encounter, a considerable body of the enemy was surprised and sustained severe casualties.

In Abyssinia, further progress has been made by British columns converging on Dessie.

Prisoners of war returned to Addis Ababa now number over 5,000 Italians and 4,000 native troops.

A number of deserters from Italian colonial units have voluntarily formed themselves into irregular bands to cooperate with the British forces.

Claim Refuted

Successful British operations at Tobruk on Wednesday, when an Italian position was penetrated, cannot be taken as a major engagement.

At the same time, it is pointed

GRAND SCALE BATTLE RAGING IN GREECE

(Continued from Page 1)

Latest Communique

In Western Macedonia, no substantial changes in the situation have taken place, stated the Greek High Command in a communique broadcast from Athens radio last night.

On the Albanian front, add the communique, certain movements of evacuation have been carried out without impediment. Kilaia and Ersek have been evacuated.

Germany Claims

Serb Surrender

In Berlin last night, the Nazis claimed that the Yugoslav army had surrendered.

A statement issued by the official German news agency yesterday says: "All the Yugoslav armed forces which had not been disarmed before, surrender unconditionally at 9 p.m. to-day. The capitulation comes into force at noon to-morrow."

No confirmation of the above report has hitherto been received in London or from any other source. — Reuters.

ed out in Cairo, the latest Italian defeat, coming on the morrow of the repulse of the German attack, flatly disposes of the Axis claim that Tobruk is isolated.

There is no further information about the mission of the Duke of Aosta's envoy to the British in Abyssinia. — Reuters.

Admiralty Statement

An Admiralty communique states: "The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that an extremely successful naval bombardment of Fort Capuzzo in the Bardia area has been carried out."

A large number of salvoes were fired and these were all seen to burst among a concentration of about a hundred enemy tanks and motor transport vehicles.

The aerodrome at El Gazala and its supply dumps have again been successfully bombarded from the sea.

Our naval units in the Mediterranean have recently shot down at least two Ju88 dive-bombers and damaged two others.

No damage or casualties have been sustained by any H.M. ships in these operations. — British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

Although just voted into office, foreign members of the provisional Shanghai Municipal Council are already facing a highly delicate question, namely, the selection of the four Chinese members.

Both the pro-Chungking and the pro-Nanking bodies have sent in nominations to the Council.

In addition, the Nanking group have addressed a letter to the Council alleging that the Chungking group's procedure was illegal, as their nomination was made from Hong Kong, to which the pro-Chungking Chinese Ratepayers' Association was recently transferred to avoid interference from the Japanese and from Wang Ching-wei supporters.

The four Chinese names mentioned in earlier messages are not official. — Reuters.

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PUNISHING ATTACKS BY AIR FORCE

PUNISHING ATTACKS, it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday, were maintained by R.A.F. bombers and fighters on enemy mechanised units, troops and landing grounds in Cyrenaica on Wednesday and the previous night.

A motorised column near Fort Capuzzo was attacked and a number of vehicles destroyed. Casualties were caused among troops.

Landing grounds were subjected to night attacks at Gazala, El Adem and Derna, where one aircraft was destroyed by a direct hit.

Convoys were bombed and subsequently machine-gunned in the same area.

Fighters maintained continuous offensive patrols.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers raided Dessie aerodrome on Wednesday, and the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and encampments at Uadaram and Alge. — Reuters.

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NAZI INFANTRY MOWN DOWN AT SIATISTA

Violent Assaults On Key Point Fail

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BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS, RESISTING WAVE AFTER WAVE OF AIR-SUPPORTED ONSLAUGHTS BY GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS BACKED UP BY LARGE INFANTRY FORCES, CONTINUED TO HOLD GRIMLY TO THEIR POSITIONS LAST NIGHT, ACCORDING TO AUTHENTIC REPORTS FROM ATHENS.

The gigantic battle now raging may decide the outcome of the Balkan war, though there is another formidable barrier to the south which the Germans would have to overcome if they can continue to take the heavy casualties they are now suffering and hammer their way through the Allied defence line.

At the moment, the Greek Army in West Macedonia and the Australian divisions round Mount Olympus are bearing the brunt of the terrific onslaught as the German Army seeks out for the slightest sign of a vulnerable point in the long line for a break-through.

The most violent fighting, in the twelfth day of the Balkan conflict, was just below the southern outlet of the Siatista Pass, where the German invaders are attempting to score a major success which would carry them south to the vital railhead at Kalamabaka.

It is noteworthy that every resource of the German High Command has been thrown at this sector for three days without breaking down the resistance.

A GREEK COMMUNIQUE ON THE SIATISTA FIGHTING STATES THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST SCORES OF TANKS AND THOUSANDS OF INFANTRY IN WAVES OF AS-

SAULT SEEKING TO CLEAR THE GREEK POSITIONS COVERING THE PASS.

Unceasing Attacks

Despite their terrific losses, the Nazi hordes attacked unceasingly in increasing numbers, indicating that Siatista is the key point of the German strategy.

As one sweeping attack broke down, fresh troops are sent forward in desperate attempts to break the Allied line by attrition.

A BERLIN SPOKESMAN LAST NIGHT ADMITTED THAT THE BATTLE NOW IN FULL SWING IN GREECE WAS THE HEAVIEST YET FOUGHT IN THE PRESENT WAR.

In Albania, German troops freed from action in Yugoslavia, are reported to be pressing heavily on the Greek defences south of Koriza. — International News Service.

Latest Communique

In Western Macedonia, no substantial changes in the situation have taken place, stated the Greek High Command in a communique. (Continued on Page 16)

SURRENDER CLAIM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMED THE FORMAL CAPITULATION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S WHOLE ARMY TO THE GERMAN FIELD COMMAND AT 9 P.M. LAST NIGHT, IN A SPECIAL MIDNIGHT COMMUNIQUE IN BERLIN.

If the report is accurate, the largest country in the Balkans has collapsed in twelve days, leaving Greece and her British ally alone. — International News Service.

BLITZ RAID BEGINS

German aeroplanes were reported over a town in North-East England last night.

RAIDERS WHICH CROSSED THE WEST COAST SCATTERED BOMBS IN RURAL DISTRICTS. A PROCESSION OF GERMAN PLANES RAIDED AN AREA IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

THE WIDESPREAD ATTACKS BEGAN SOON AFTER DARK AND WERE STILL IN PROGRESS SOME HOURS LATER. — REUTER.

NO CENSORSHIP IN U.S.

President Roosevelt yesterday gave an assurance that there would be no Government control of news in the United States unless it covered vital military information. — International News Service.

TURCO-RUSSIAN MUTUAL AID PACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Coincident with the publication in the Turkish newspapers of quotations from the Greek Press saying that "Turkey and Russia cannot afford to remain aloof to events in the Balkans," strong but unconfirmed Istanbul rumours stated that Russia and Turkey may negotiate a mutual assistance pact. — International News Service.

British Gold Reaches U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") It was disclosed last night that the United States has purchased U.S. \$132,000,000 of raw gold produced in South Africa and conveyed to New York.

The British Treasury will use the money to replenish its dollar exchange reserves in the United States. — International News Service.

ITALIANS CAN WIN THESE BATTLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Trying to play up the voluntary Greek withdrawal from Klisura, an Italian communique issued in Rome last night stated: "Greek resistance is collapsing in Albania." — International News Service.

BRITISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN WARNED IN TURKEY

The British Legation has advised British women and children in Istanbul to leave, says a report received in London. — Reuter.

Reprisal Raid Demand

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The battering of London in the vicious raid of Wednesday night has revived the demand for reprisals.

Little encouragement is given in official quarters to the demand for "a retaliatory raid of murderous proportions on the teeming population of Berlin."

The demand is considered to be extremist by British Government spokesmen, who agreed with the attitude taken by the Royal Air Force and defence chiefs, that it is better to reserve R.A.F. bombs for military objectives, as a more effective method of winning the war. — International News Service.

UNCEASING AIR POUNDING OF NAZI FORCES

UNCEASING ATTACKS on enemy supply columns in Greece were carried out by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and the previous night, states a Cairo communique.

Much damage was caused. Kozani-Bitolj-Ptolemais was the main area attacked. The railway near Korinos, motor transport near Kitros and a station south-east of Katarimi were successfully bombed.

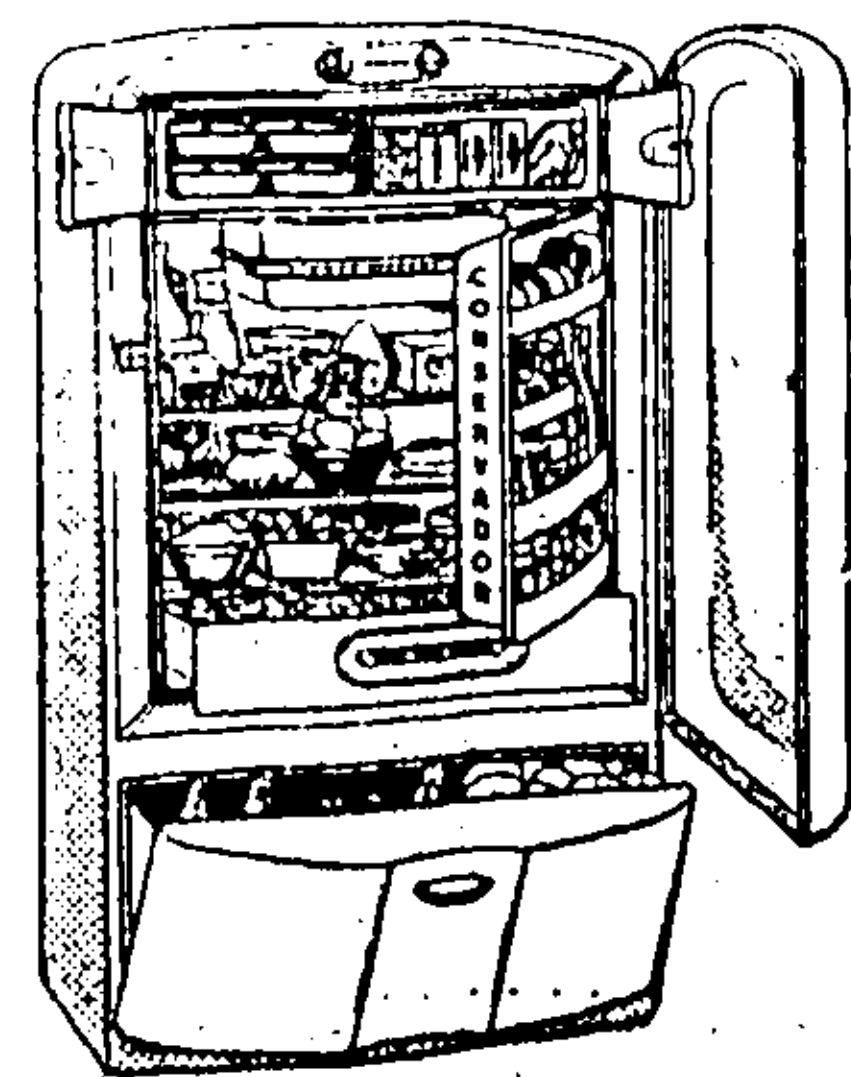
Fires were started at a series of aerodromes, and a convoy east of Salquika was heavily bombed.

A large formation of enemy aircraft which attacked shipping in Khalkis harbour on Wednesday were engaged by fighters which shot down one Junkers twin-engine dive-bomber while another

was destroyed by A.A. fire. The R.A.F. lost four aircraft in widespread operations in Greece and Libya on Wednesday and Tuesday night.

Enemy aircraft raided the aerodrome at Heraklion on Tuesday but negligible damage resulted and one aircraft was shot down, the pilot being captured. — Reuter.

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CRUCIAL BATTLE FULLY ENGAGED

Armies Locked From Mount Olympus To Albania

LUFTWAFFE LOSSES IN BRITAIN

A total of six enemy raiders were shot down on Wednesday night in the raid on London, it is now learned.

An Air Ministry communique states three were destroyed by fighters and three by A.A. fire.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down into the Straits of Dover yesterday morning by fighters, and it is now known that one enemy fighter was destroyed over the French coast on Wednesday.

There was no enemy activity over Britain yesterday apart from the dropping of bombs on a town in north-east Scotland by a single aircraft. Damage was small but some were killed. -Reuter

The Council of the H.K. Anti-Tuberculosis Association meets this evening in the Legislative Council Chamber at 5.15 p.m. The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will preside.

FRENCH SUBMARINES IN THE MOVE

Eye-witnesses in Gibraltar report that three French submarines and one destroyer headed westward through the Straits on Wednesday, presumably bound for Casablanca. -Reuter

"IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR"

A special Italian High Command communique issued on Wednesday night stated "Following fierce fighting divisions of the 11th Army vigorously resumed their advance on Wednesday morning after having broken through the first Greek resistance in the past three days. "The whole enemy front is threatened." -Reuter.

German Panzer Divisions Held

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

BATTLE IS NOW ENGAGED ON THE GREEK FRONT AND THE ITALO-GERMAN AND GRECO-BRITISH FORCES ARE LOCKED TOGETHER IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE OVER A LINE WHICH EXTENDS FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS TO THE ALBANIAN HILLS ON THE IONIAN SEA.

Much of this area is impenetrable for military operations, and it is a fact that an offensive has to follow certain roads and valleys, that gives the defence an opportunity of making the best use of its limited resources.

The weight of the German attack in tanks and motorised equipment is practically unlimited but they have soldiers who are already veterans of war against them, and the odds are not so desperate as the figures would seem to show.

seems to have been very effective.

The complete obliteration of an Italian convoy suggests that the desperate need of the Libyan troops for supplies forced the Italians to take risks which they usually avoid.

Hitting Back

The fact that British troops are counter-attacking in the Sollum area shows that more forces are available and the British are beginning to hit back.

The Germans, after the great push from Benghazi to Bardia, will naturally have to pause to accumulate supplies and material before they can attack with the same vigour as at El Aghella.

British local superiority in the air is making this task one that is increasingly difficult and costly. If the Tobruk garrison can hold out it may be able to make the position of the German spearhead uncomfortable. -Reuter.

As for the actual fighting, there is no official news on which to base any comment.

In Libya, the situation is also somewhat obscure although there are some bright features.

The presence of the British Navy is an important factor in all operations, and their gunnery at Sollum and Gazala

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SUMMARY OF SITUATION ON THE BATTLE FRONT

BITTER FIGHTING is raging in Northern Greece where the German mechanised hordes are hurling themselves furiously against the Anglo-Greek line.

But latest reports are to the effect that the line, although subjected to heavy pressure, still holds.

Australian troops are heavily engaged around the town of Servia, which is on the road from Kozani to Larissa, a few miles west of Mount Olympus, the right pivot of the Allied line.

They are said to be giving the Germans a good hammering.

The fiercest struggle, however, is in progress some 30 miles south-west of Servia, where the line bends towards Kalamabaka, to which point the Berlin communique said the Germans were advancing.

Quoting news just received from the front, Athens radio last night said: "The right flank of the Allied Army in front of Katerini (on the Gulf of Salonika) to Servia is withstanding violent attacks by the German forces and is continually repulsing them with heavy losses in this area."

"One British armoured company brought down five German aircraft this afternoon."

THE RADIO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ON THE LEFT OF THE ALLIED ARMIES, GREEK TROOPS ARE RESISTING STEADFASTLY AND THE ENEMY HAS AT NO POINT GAINED ANY GROUND.

Most Serious Phase

Earlier the Greek Press Ministry issued a statement that the battle between the German and British forces had extended all

along the front and had entered on the most serious phase.

The Germans had thrown their whole weight against the Allied forces and were suffering tremendous casualties.

The statement added that German pressure was being concentrated on three points—at Gevena (north of Kalamabaka), south of the Haliakmon River, and west of Koritza.

Nazi Objective

Aim of the German column attacking the first region is the capture of Kalamabaka.

The fighting, the statement continues, is equally violent in the Kozani area and on the old Albanian frontier, where German columns have appeared and have succeeded in capturing Kafetkark Ridge.

THE R.A.F. IS CONTINUING ITS SPLENDID WORK IN BOMBING ENEMY COLUMNS AND IS INFLICTING GREAT DAMAGE ON TROOPS AND SUPPLIES.

In conclusion, the statement says all enemy attacks on the Italian front have been repulsed by the Greek with heavy losses on the enemy, and at no point have the Italians gained the slightest advantage. -Reuter.

Invasion Suspicion Roused By Violent Raid On London

SALVOES OF HEAVY BOMBS: THE ULSTER LINK

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON GREATER LONDON, DESCRIBED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND AS A REPRISAL FOR THE R.A.F. HAMMERING OF BERLIN ON APRIL 9, WAS OF A CHARACTER THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PRECEDE A NAZI INVASION.

Tons of high explosives were dropped not only in the metropolis itself but also in the outer suburbs, especially those to the south-east, where I was caught in the heaviest and most prolonged blitz this area has suffered.

Heavy bombs sometimes fell in salvoes, gashing the night with blinding flashes and an ear-splitting treble roar.

At the height of the attack before midnight, both sticks and salvoes came tumbling down together for fully an hour.

In the event of an invasion ordered for the morrow, it would be Hitler's threefold objective by a preliminary blitzing of London to create confusion and despondency on the eve of the event among the general public and to paralyse normal services and communications.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT ONE OR MORE OTHER LARGE CITIES OR AREAS WOULD BE ATTACKED ON THE SAME

SCALE AT THE SAME TIME OR AT LEAST ON SUCCESSIVE NIGHTS.

Ulster Too

One area might well be Northern Ireland, which the Luftwaffe blitzed on Tuesday night. Here the attempt would obviously be to create difficulties for the British Army in Northern Ireland had it to go to the rescue of Eire from an invasion thrust.

Greater London showed on Wednesday night that it will answer back to this ruthless method of attack in which far

VIGILANT OF EVENTS IN PACIFIC

The Australian Acting Premier, Mr. Fadden, stated in Melbourne yesterday, that Australia was vigilant of events in the Pacific after the interpretations of the Russo-Japanese Pact and was determined to join the rest of the Empire against Axis aggression in the Pacific. Reuter

greater material than military damage is likely to occur, as it has done to every past effort to blitz it to submission.

Firemen, wardens, skilled workmen, Home Guards and the Services all strained every nerve to minimise the effect of the raid even while it was on.

THE ATTACK LASTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT THIS WOULD ENABLE MANY OF THE RAIDERS TO MAKE AS MANY AS THREE TRIPS FROM BASES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. REUTER.

It is generally agreed that the air attack on Wednesday night on London was one of the heaviest yet experienced. German bombers arriving over the metropolis in wave upon wave and spreading destruction indiscriminately on residential and business areas, hospitals, churches, shops and places of amusement.

Of eight hospitals hit, one was a maternity home and another cared for mental patients. In a third, a bomb exploded in the centre of a ward containing fifty women, killing many of them.

Hotel Guests' Escape

More than a hundred guests had a fortunate escape when a shower of incendiaries fell on a hotel roof followed by a high explosive bomb falling nearby and doing extensive damage by blast.

Many of the guests were on their way to shelters when the windows and doors were blown in and the ceilings fell on them, but only a few were slightly injured.

A London club which received a direct hit was occupied by overseas troops, the bomb tearing through the side of the building and hurling the occupants from their beds into the basement.

When the roof of a church was blazing from end to end and large pieces of wood began to crash in the building, nuns continued to remove sacred vessels to safety.

Yet with this toll of wanton and senseless destruction, Londoners yesterday morning were patiently and cheerfully making their way to their places of work commenting on the "noisy night" they had spent, making light of some inevitable traffic delays and generally living up to the reputation for amazing endurance which they earned during last winter.

The American Ambassador, Mr. John Winant, was in the streets before dawn talking with victims and is reported as saying that he was more than ever impressed by the spirit shown by the people of London.

WOMEN OF 20 TO REGISTER

Women born in the year 1920 will register nationally for employment in Britain on Saturday. —British Wireless.

MR. QUO TAI-CHI'S EXPERIENCE IN BLITZ RAID

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, retiring Chinese Ambassador in London, informed Reuter yesterday he had received a telegram from the Chinese Ambassador in Moscow, stating Russia has no intention of changing her policy towards China or of discontinuing help.

In fact, Mr. Quo said, "I understand China was never mentioned in the Matsuoka conversations in Moscow."

Instead of going to Sir Philip Chiffle-Owen's house at Sunningdale on Wednesday night, as he has usually done in recent months, Mr. Quo slept, or rather tried to sleep, at the Embassy.

He described the blitz as far the worst air raid he remembered. Fortunately, except for a few broken window panes the Embassy was unscathed.

Mr. Quo received Reuter's representative in a room strewn with goodwill letters, telegrams, despatch cases and farewell presents, including signed portraits of the King and Queen in large silver frames and Mr. Churchill, and a great silver loving cup from a group of Chinese friends.

Most of these possessions will have to remain in London till after the war.

Farewell Calls

Mr. Quo spent the day chiefly in paying farewell visits, including to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Bevin and Mr. W. S. Morrison. Mr. Quo is leaving for China to-day.

It is not yet known when Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Ambassador, arrives. At present he is in Vichy and can only come via Spain and Portugal.

As China has not yet recognised General Franco's Government, Dr. Koo cannot claim diplomatic privileges in crossing Spain but will travel as a distinguished foreigner. Reuter.

ENEMY 'PLANES PAY VISIT TO MALTA

Enemy aircraft were thrice over Malta in the last 24 hours, a Junkers making a reconnaissance in the afternoon at a great height being engaged by A. A. fire. There is nothing further to report. Reuter.

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MANHOLE COVER THEFTS

At the request of Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, Lo Leung, 28, charged with stealing three man-hole covers in the Yaumati district, and Pang Huen, 39, shop-keeper, charged with receiving 19 covers, were remanded for three days by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

To pay a dividend of 75 cents per share on 43,938 shares New Issue \$32,953.50; To pay a bonus of .25 cents per share on 43,938 shares New Issue \$10,984.50; To pay to the Government of Macao 5% on the amount distributed as dividend and bonus in terms of Clause 15 of the Extension Contract \$11,190.90; To transfer to General Reserve \$100,000.00; To carry forward unappropriated \$106,143.02.

U.S. WARNED TO SECRECY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Colonel Knox, Secretary of the U.S. Navy Department, yesterday warned the American Press and radio to care in reference to British warship movements, in the United States for repairs.

Colonel Knox said that a closer veil of secrecy than was marked by the arrival in New York of H.M.S. Malaya must surround ships arriving for Lease-and-Lend repairs. They will enter ports in the future under the cover of darkness, and Col. Knox warned against non-cooperation by the Press and radio, which he implied might provoke "compulsory" censorship.

Public disclosure of the movements of British ships was obviously highly undesirable in order to prevent "very great loss of life and ships," he said, referring to the information which would be given to Germany of the strength of British naval units elsewhere.

It is indicated that the United States is giving close study to the British request to take over the Pacific trade routes, thus releasing shipping for other parts of the world, while the arrival of H.M.S. Malaya "is only the beginning of a long train of vessels coming over to our yards, some for repair, some for overhaul." International News Service

HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI

The R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm carried out a heavy raid on Wednesday night on Tripoli, main base of the Italo-German force in Libya.

Shipping and harbour installations were the chief objectives.

One medium-sized tanker was hit and the vessel burned fiercely for over an hour, says a Middle East communique.

There were many near misses to other shipping. Vessels anchored outside the harbour were attacked.

Several direct hits were scored in the Spanish mole and a big fire was started at the town end.

Searchlight positions were also machine-gunned.

All British aircraft returned safely. — Reuters

SAVING TIME OF SHIPPING

A move to overcome the shipping shortage has been taken by the Dutch colonies.

Shipments from the Netherlands East Indies to New York, which used to make the long voyage through the Panama Canal, will in future be directed to San Francisco, announced Batavia radio yesterday.

The goods would then be sent overland and a considerable saving of shipping time effected. — Reuters.

DELIBERATE LIE

President Roosevelt, through his private secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday characterised as "a deliberate lie," reports that United States naval vessels were helping convoy British ships across the Atlantic. — Reuters.

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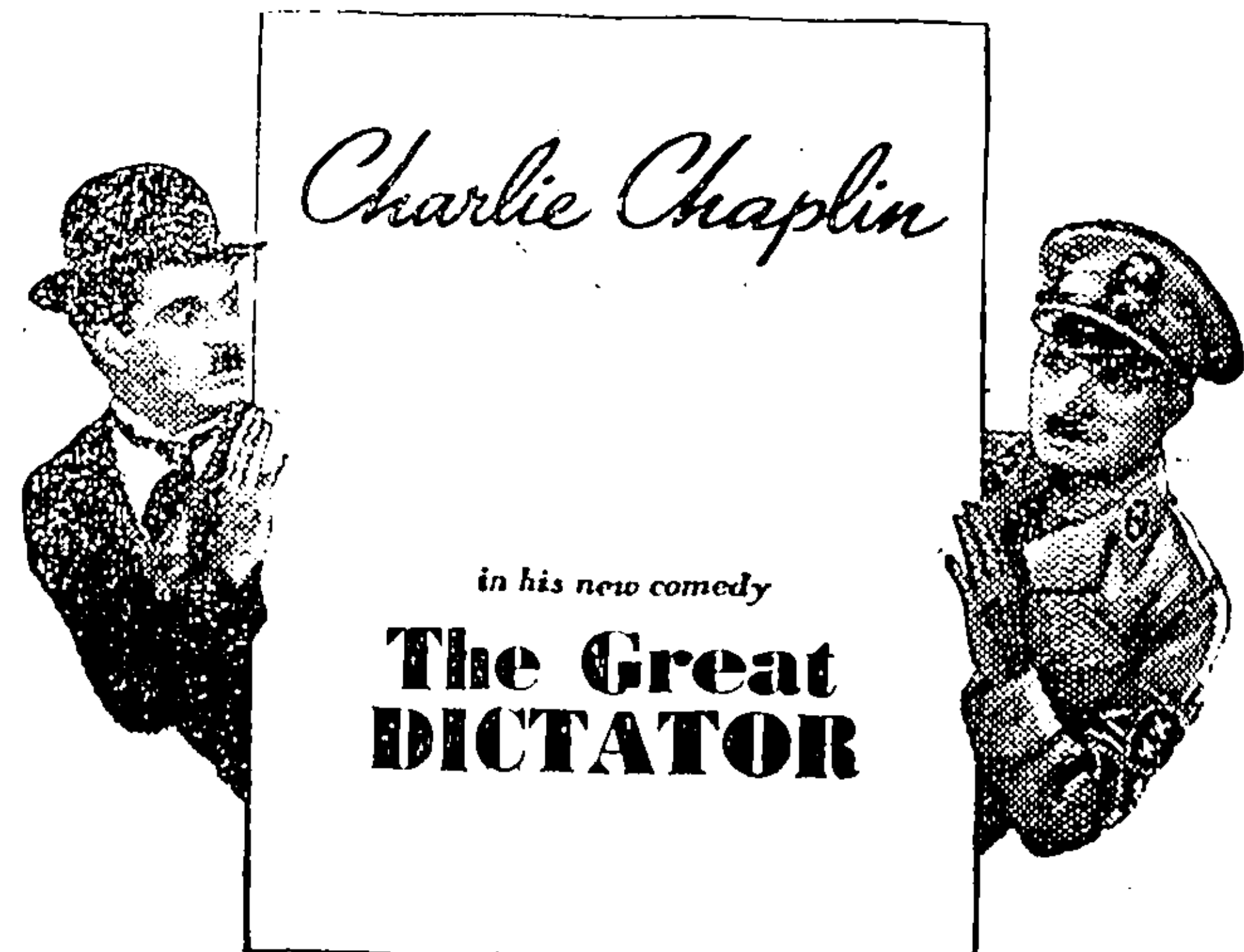
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LORD STAMP'S HEIR ALSO KILLED

The bodies of Lord Stamp and his heir, the Hon. Wilfred Stamp, both killed in Wednesday night's air raids, have been recovered from the wreckage of their home in Shortlands, Kent.

Lord Stamp, whose career was an amazing success story, rose from a 15/- a week boy to the highest business appointments in the land.

As among his other activities he was President of the London Midland and Scottish Railway, a director of the Bank of England and of Imperial Chemical Industries, an economic expert and adviser to the Government, he was one of the busiest men in the country.

Other raid victims include Lord Auckland, who was an air pilot, and Mr. A. L. Bowly, who was a well-known croquet, both being killed in London.

Direct Hit

The body of Lady Stamp was recovered later. She was with her husband and son in the shelter when the house received a direct hit and collapsed on the shelter, which was demolished.

Of seven people taking refuge, only one was rescued alive, Reuter.

U.S. NAVY AID

The U.S. Navy is "almost daily" issuing material to Britain from stocks in hand.

The Secretary of Navy, Col. Frank Knox, disclosed this while testifying before the Senate Defence Investigation Committee.

Referring to the progress being made on shore facilities, including new bases acquired from Britain, Col. Knox declared that work on them was "55 per cent complete on the average."—Reuter.

TOO BUSY FOR AN OVERHAUL

Mr. Henry Graye, of Concrete Products Company, was cautioned by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when summoned for failing to maintain his lorry, No. 4751, in good order and condition.

The lorry was stopped by a Traffic officer in Chatham Road at 10 a.m. on March 19 and an examination of the vehicle disclosed that the hand-brakes were not in good order.

Mr. Graye explained that the lorry had constantly been used in transporting materials for A.R.P. purposes both in Hong Kong and in Kowloon, and that no spare time was available to repair it.

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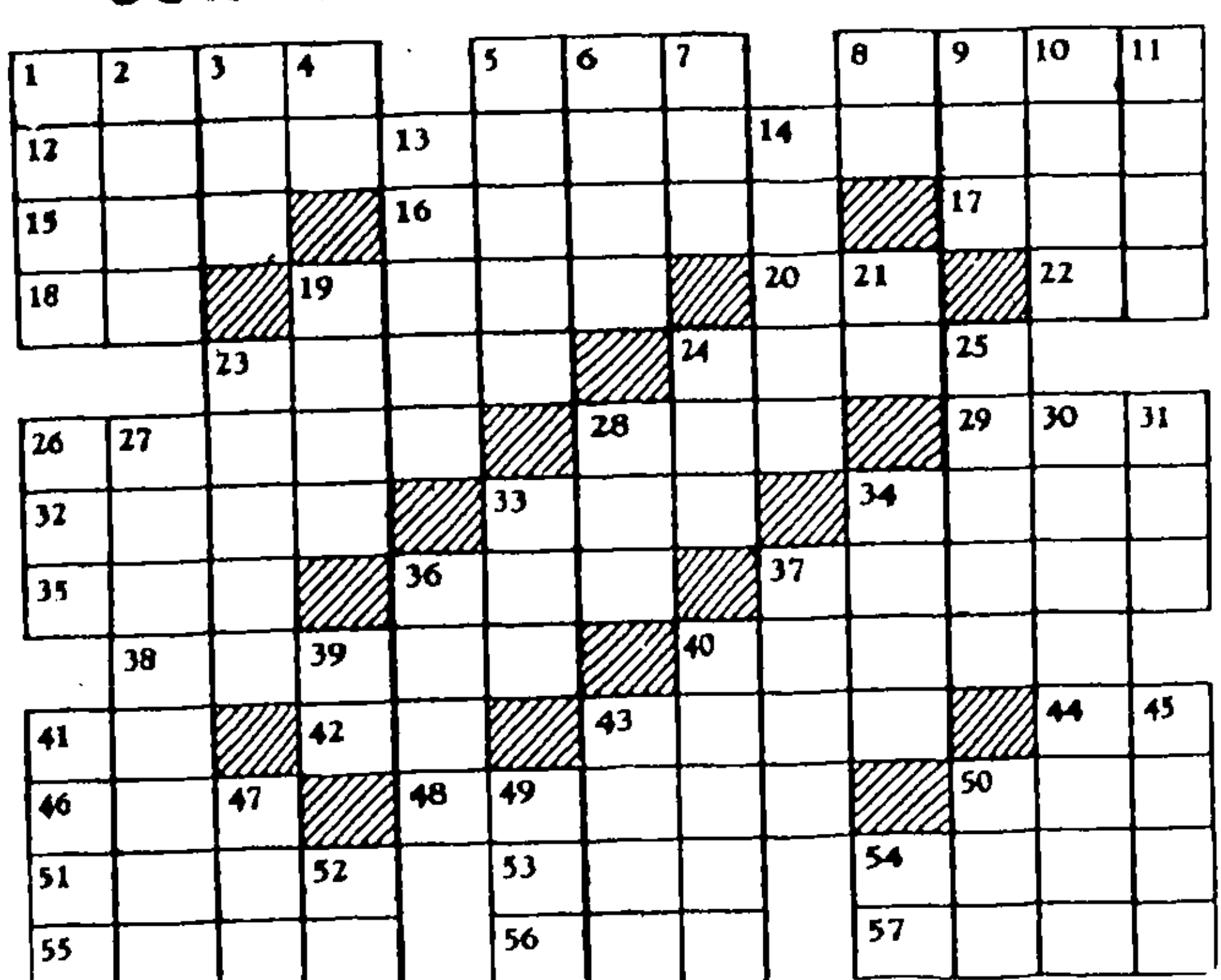
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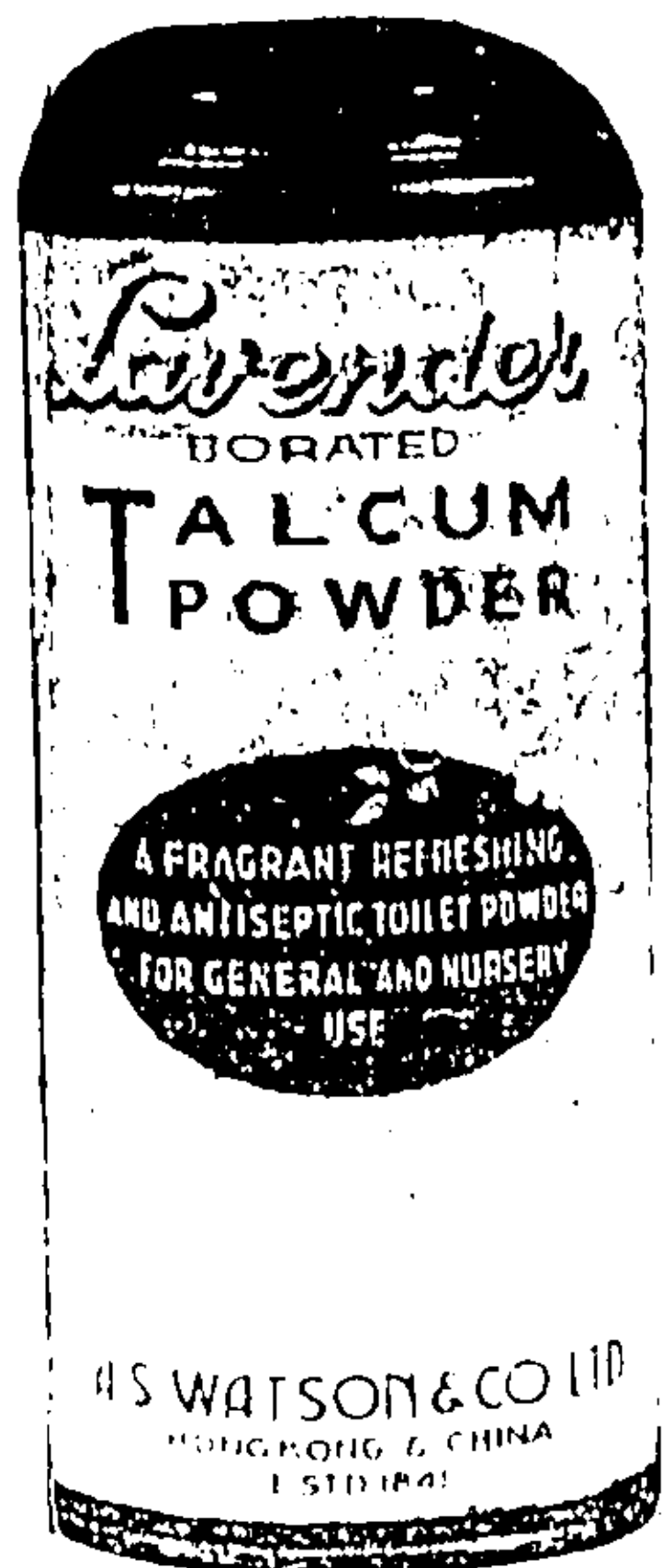
- Sudden attack
- To request
- Table-land
- Hardly discernible
- Consumed
- To make amends
- By birth
- French article
- To worry
- Negative
- Symbol for tantalum
- To look askance
- Stride
- Whirls
- Pronoun
- Vase
- To give
- Pleasure
- Unencumbered
- Before
- Carpet
- Tie
- Protective plate
- Refuge
- Indian mulberry
- Conjunction
- To consider

VERTICAL

- Old English coin
- Poker stake
- Frozen water
- To act
- Garden flower
- Place
- Relation
- Greek letter
- Vast age
- Animal fat
- On the ocean
- The nostrils
- Pennies
- To ward off
- Periodic windstorm
- Steamer
- To transgress
- To purify
- Pronoun
- To stately
- Shack
- Horned ruminant
- Snare
- Distant
- Basketball team
- Additional
- Tropical fruit
- Japanese money
- The under-world
- Arabian seaport
- Cord
- Preposition
- Period of time
- To strike
- Vessel's curved planking
- Land measure
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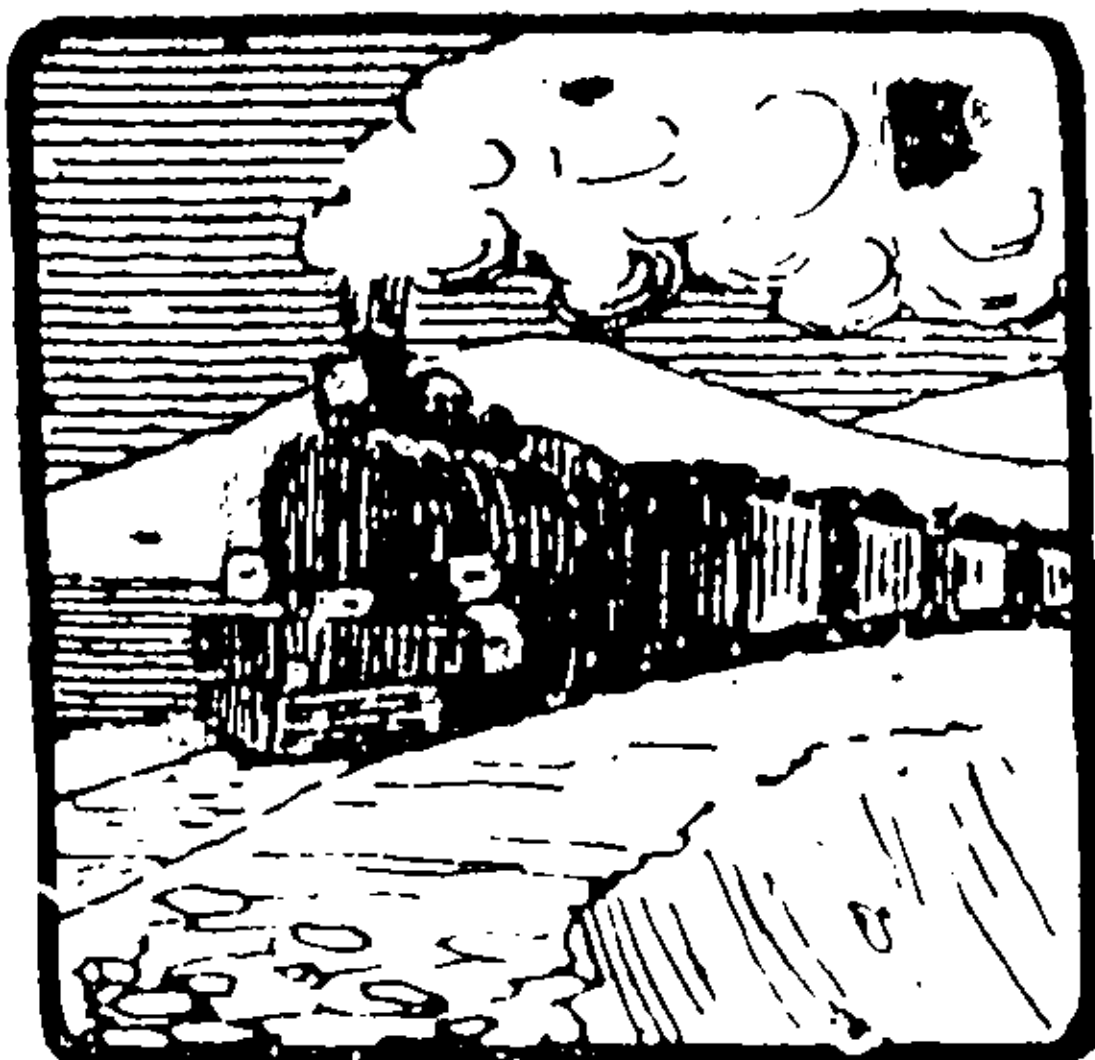
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GRASPING AT STRAWS

(This is the third of several uncensored articles appearing in the "Manila Bulletin" on the Pacific "war of nerves" as seen from within Japan by an American observer).

THE JAPANESE PEOPLE TO-DAY ARE PERPETUALLY GRASPING AT STRAWS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS PLACED UPON THEM BY NEARLY FOUR YEARS OF WAR.

Domestic unrest is equally responsible with national poverty for the array of quack cures that political doctors are attempting to apply to a sick state. The "new domestic structure," the throne assistance movement and dissolution of political parties; planned economy, including strict regulation of profits and production, and even adherence to the tripartite pact. Most important is the people's illogical and almost pathetic faith in the "co-prosperity" to justify their sacrifices under the idealist slogans of the China affair.

Divine Mission

Army prompted politicians fed the sphere conception to the public as an enlargement of their "divine mission of freeing the oppressed peoples of Asia" which started with the China hostilities. Further, they have told the people bluntly and plainly that Japan needs the oil and rubber of the Dutch East Indies, as well as other Asiatic raw materials, for Japan's continued existence as a "highly organized defence state."

Now the army has been trapped by its propaganda. Generalisations are almost impossible about the Japanese, but all who have watched their national life during the past year are convinced that the idea of a "co-prosperity sphere" has been accepted so ardently that it must be accomplished without bloodshed. His faith has not been slackened by the flat rejections of the East Indies and Thailand. The sphere idea merely represents new hope for a tired people, and they have embraced it almost fervently.

Realities

No one can say when the people's patience will be exhausted. They have carried their burdens thus far with remarkable docility.

For more than two years no important victories have been scored in China. During this time taxes have soared; thousands of boys have come home, crippled, blind or in little white urns; acute shortages have arisen in rice, fuel, sugar, milk, eggs and countless other essentials; "black market" operations have become scandalous; war profiteers and high paid munitions workers throw their money about with scant regard for underpaid witnesses.

These things are hopelessly real to the people. They are asking more questions, when the gendarmes cannot hear them. There is increased sullenness and dissatisfaction; the army no longer is revered with blind devotion, although none yet dares criticize it openly.

Nanking A Letdown

The emergence of Wang Chingwei as head of the Nanking puppet government created tremendous optimism throughout the country. The people believed that the end was in sight. But hope died quickly when it became evident that the new government could have no effect upon the war. The letdown was apparent even to the foreigners in Tokyo.

In the middle of all this came the "co-prosperity sphere" conception. It is the only one which has lasted, except for the large idea that Japan should support Italy and Germany—for their return cooperation—in bringing the same "blessings" to Europe.

To-day, the Japanese as a whole detest the arrogant Germans who have come in hordes to their country. They pity the Italians whom they generally consider "inferior." The common people still treat Americans better than all other foreigners, but their resentment against Britain persists, because they believe the China affair is partially a campaign against British imperialism in Asia.

The tripartite pact is not popular, for the Japanese still re-

member how Germany "double-crossed" them by signing the Russian non-aggression pact in 1939. Hence their willingness to go along with the Axis to formulate a "new order" is based strictly on business; the extent that Germany and Italy can help them to acquire the areas they need for the "co-prosperity sphere."

Revolution Possible?

If the sphere is not consolidated some time—how soon cannot be accurately predicted—internal pressure will swell more rapidly than in the past, as war burdens increase. Revolution is possible, and some Japanese quarters hope for one, to remove the influence of rampant imperialists. A series of assassinations, eliminating key men in and behind the government, is more likely. Both of these developments could occur in the name of patriotic duty to the emperor—whom the Japanese revere as a god—by removing the advisors guilty of giving him poor advice.

But the army always has been responsive to internal dissatisfaction. Most of its modern campaigns, including the first Sino-Japanese war, were timed to give domestic pressure a new outlet. The same policy is being followed to-day, although more slowly than the jingoists want, because Anglo-American opposition is too stiff.

To stop short of complete consolidation of the "co-prosperity sphere" would mean the imminent danger of a domestic upheaval which probably would strip the army of all the power that it has gained by killing hundreds of thousands of peasant boys.

ON VERGE OF OPENING FIRE

Fung Ching, coxswain of the motor launch "Heron," appeared before Commander J. Jolly this morning charged with failing to exhibit regulation lights when mooring at No. 5 Wharf of the Kowloon Godown Co.

Police Constable W. Ferguson, of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police, stated that on the night of April 3 he observed a craft heading for No. 5 Wharf of the Kowloon Godown without lights. He challenged the boat which did not heed him and he was on the verge of firing when the craft drew in under the reflection of the wharf's lights and he saw that it was the motor-launch "Heron."

Crown Sergeant A. B. Manwaring, of the Dockyard Police, who was making his rounds, said he heard the shouts and came upon a boat which was in total darkness. The boat was proceeding slowly to the Northern side of No. 5 wharf and eventually tied up at the corner of the wharf. He ascertained that it was the "Heron," owned by the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.

An Indian Police Constable, of the Naval Yard, also stated that he saw the motor-launch without lights.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

CARGO BOATS FOR BRITAIN

Four United States cargo-vessels have been acquired by the U.S. Maritime Commission for immediate transfer to the British Government under the Lease-Lend Act, it was announced last night.

They will be registered under the British flag and manned entirely by British crews.—Reuter.

Spitfire Squadron Century

When a Spitfire squadron shot down two ME.110's yesterday morning, they raised their total bag of enemy aircraft destroyed to 100.

The Squadron Leader had gone up with the other pilots, says the Air Ministry News Service, on a practice flight over shipping, when they were warned of enemy aircraft nearby.

In a few minutes, they saw four ME.110's which were taken completely by surprise.

A Flying Officer attacked two enemy machines in turn. He killed the gunner of the second and as the ME.110 was crawling into a cloud layer, he fired two more bursts that sent it in a slow spin into the sea.

A third ME.110 was chased in and out of the cloud by the Squadron Leader, who, after several bursts, saw a large piece of the starboard wing tip fall off.

The Messerschmidt turned over on its back and fell into the sea.

It was the Squadron Leader's 16th confirmed success.

He is a 22-year-old Scots mining engineer who, until recently, was a Flight Commander in the City of Glasgow Auxiliary Squadron.

His new squadron is the thirteenth in the Fighter Command to score a century.—British Wireless.

DEATH OF MISS RUSSELL

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO RECORD THE DEATH OF MISS MARGARET JANE RUSSELL, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AT HER RESIDENCE, "THE HERMITAGE," KENNEDY ROAD.

Born in Shanghai in 1886, she had lived for 50 years in Hong Kong.

Miss Russell was known to many societies in the Colony for generous contributions, the Benevolent Society being a particular beneficiary.

Miss Russell's father was connected with the Green Island Cement Company. Her mother died in Hong Kong in 1901 and Miss Russell will be buried in the same grave.

Miss Russell had a nephew in America who is the only relative apart from Miss May Clark, cousin, who had for long assisted her in the management of her leaseholds.

Miss Russell was the first tenant of Garden Terrace. At the time of her death she held leases on part of that property and on "Southcliffe," "The Hermitage," "Courtland," and "Kingsville."

The funeral will take place at the Colonial Cemetery to-morrow, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

BANK WINS CLAIM

A CLAIM BY THE NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ, N. V. AGAINST THE TRUST INDUSTRIAL BELGE-FRANCAIS AND MR. A. A. MORANT, A PARTNER THEREIN, OF 8A DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, FOR \$1,039, REPRESENTING A LOAN OR ADVANCE FROM THE NETHERLANDS BANK TO DEFENDANT WAS SUCCESSFUL AT THE SUMMARY COURT THIS MORNING.

Mr. J. J. Van Muhren, accountant of the Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij, stated that the defendant was indebted to the bank up to the amount of \$1,039, representing money overdrawn on defendant's current account.

The claim was subsequently reduced to \$1,000 in order that the case might be brought within the Summary Court.

Judgment was given in favour of plaintiffs, who were represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan. Defendant was absent, and was not represented.

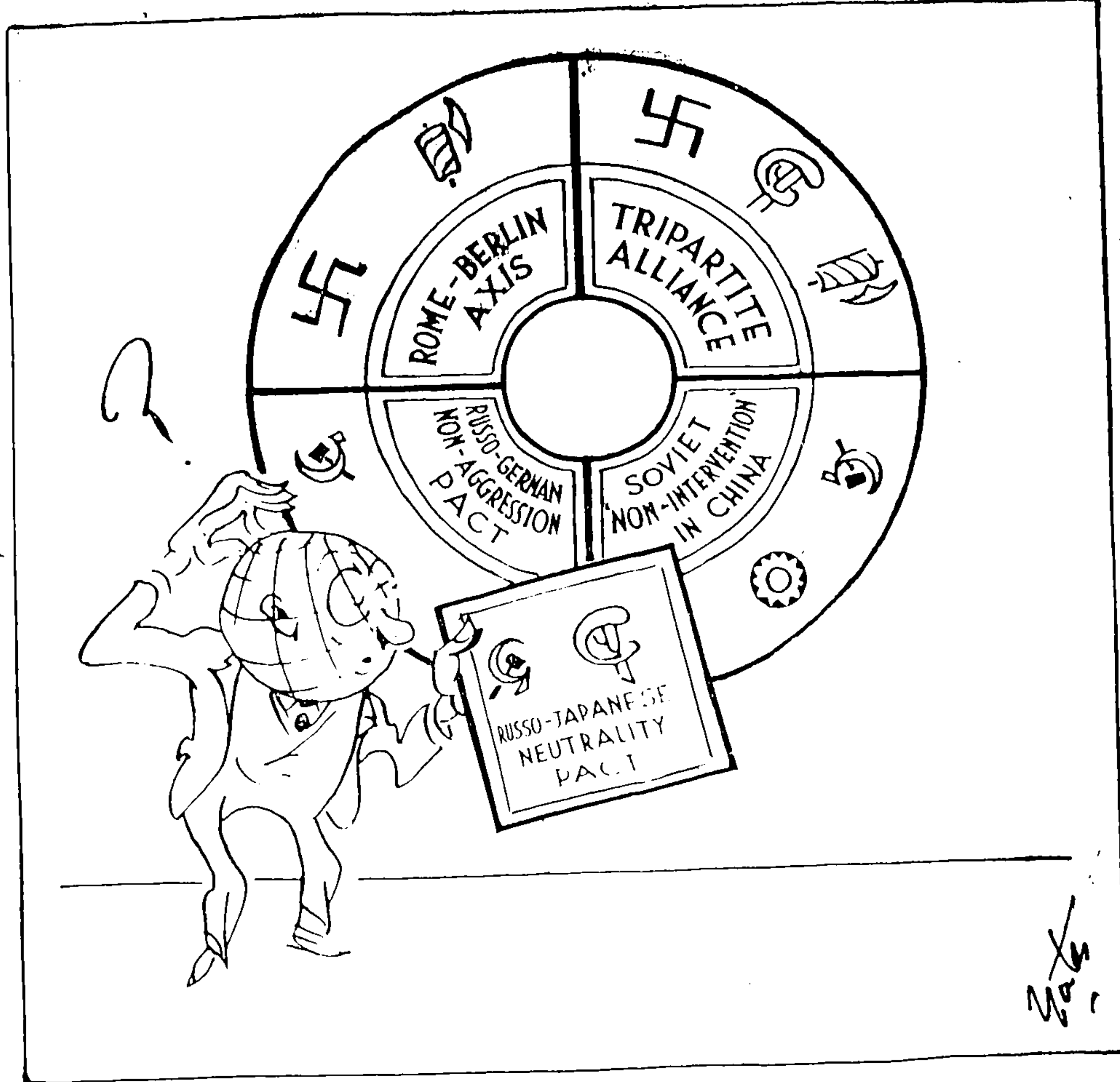
CHINA MAIL
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SECOND SPRING

There can be no comeback for Italy in this war, and this means that as a military weapon the Axis is broken. The threat of the double-edged sword works no longer. Ten months after the black week when Britain was left to carry on the combat without allies Germany reached the point where she too must fight alone. Not one of the pacts Hitler has schemed to achieve, from the deal with the Soviets to the boomerang treaty with the Yugoslavs, has given him another ally. Now, deprived of the aid of Italy, even as a decoy to hold the British fleet in the Mediterranean, Germany must rely entirely on her own armed forces. This is a fact of capital importance, comparable only to the fall of France. In the first Spring of the war, few would have dared predict that the second Spring would open on a turning of the tables as momentous.

This collapse cannot be retrieved by retaking outposts in the Libyan desert. The British forces can take their stand as far back as Mersa Matruh without losing either the real prestige gained by their Mediterranean victories or the controlling position they now occupy in Africa. From now on they will fight only Germans, or Germans plus mutinous Italians whipped on by Germans, and even the Reichswehr and the Luftwaffe, were they twice as powerful as they are, cannot win everywhere at once. They cannot overcome another portentous fact, which is that Britain is finding allies as the Nazis are losing them.

It might be argued, indeed, that the Italian people are their allies. For it is clear to any observer that the reason Italy crumples up is not lack of courage, lack of equipment, or lack of generalship. Nor can Italian defeats be wholly explained by the superior strength and skill of the British Navy or the fierce heroism of the Greeks. Forced into this conflict against their will, against the judgment of the General Staff, against the feeling of the people, the Italian armies simply lacked the heart and the incentive to fight. The people realised before their rulers did that they could not beat Britain unless Germany won, and if Germany won they themselves were beaten. On the home front they de-



"NOW, WHERE DOES THIS THING FIT?"

Testimony Of Colonel Lindbergh

By
Harold Laski

We have been reading, from full American reports, the testimony of Colonel Lindbergh to the Congressional Committee on the "Lend-Lease" Bill. Quite naturally, Colonel Lindbergh is entitled to the view that a drawn battle is the best outcome of the war, and no one can invalidate the finding of another man's opinion. Quite obviously also, he is entitled to speak to Congress of the immense anti-power of Germany which he saw for himself three years ago. What is bound to puzzle an outsider is the range of the subject-matter upon which Colonel Lindbergh speaks with the assumed authority of an expert. That he is an aviator of unsurpassed brilliance and courage no one needs to be told. That he has thought hard upon the problems of aviation is obvious from his experience since his Transatlantic flight. That, since his achievement, he has mingled much with those to whom the issues of international politics are the staple of conversation, one need not doubt.

What is surprising to the outsider is the implication that this experience makes Colonel Lindbergh an authority upon a range of questions each of which depends for its answer upon factors the knowledge of which can hardly have come his way. The part that sea power will play in this war; the part that economic strain will have; those psychological impalpables of which those most experienced in the ways of government will take most account; the reaction of Italian de-

cided long ago that it was better to lose to the British than the Germans, and against this conviction neither Fascist propaganda nor Nazi police power could build up a fighting front. The unwillingness of the Italians to fight is as significant in its way as the action of the Serbs. What finally happens in the Balkans is relatively of little final account, the first signs of the second Spring look pretty ominous for Hitler.

not on whether France and Transylvania Germany; its consequence in the Balkans. Is Colonel Lindbergh an expert upon the war? He knows little of the new Britain that has been forged in the furnace of disaster. He knows less of the mounting volume of resources at our disposal. He has never had to undergo any careful examination upon what Mr. Justice Holmes would have called the "articulate major premises of his thinking."

In no sense a specialist in the realm into which he has ventured, he makes judgments about issues full knowledge about which is not only outside his competence, but outside that of any one in the United States save a small official circle. To an Englishman, the use of his authority in a limited field as a basis upon which to advise the legislature of the United States indicates an attitude of mind which marks an amazing self-confidence.

As Asquith once said of Lord Curzon that he had a "conscious knowledge of effortless superiority." It is difficult not to feel that something of the same quality is revealed by Colonel Lindbergh in his evidence.

Does That Matter?

He gives us conclusions; he ought to give us fully the argument for his conclusions. He wants peace by negotiation. What leads him to believe that Hitler would keep his pledged word.

Does he think, what reason has he to think, that Hitler would restore to the occupied countries that way of life to the maintenance of which we are pledged?

Or does he not think that restoration is worth the effort? He does not think a British victory possible. Would Colonel Lindbergh, seven months ago, have thought possible so massive a catastrophe as that which Italy has suffered in Africa? In effect, his attitude is a plea for America

to use her influence to compel a compromise with the dictators. That means leaving Hitler in being with his Gestapo and his concentration camps.

Does that not matter to Colonel Lindbergh? Does he know what they are like? Has he ever talked with those who have been their victims? More important still, has he, after the last eight years, a belief that democracy and dictatorships can successfully live side by side? Most important of all, when he speaks of the defence of America does he imply in that defence, the safeguarding of American democracy? Or does he separate in his mind defence of the American nation from the defence of American democracy?

It was, I think, John Bright who said the worst of great thinkers was that they so seldom thought greatly.

The danger of eminent aviators is that they associate competence in a particular technique with the right to pronouncements on omniscience. We think Professor Urey a great chemist; but we do not think that gives him a right to speak expertly about American foreign policy. We think that Miss Edna Millay is a charming poet; but that gives no special weight to her opinion on America's housing problem. And, in the same way, when we in this country are fighting for our national existence, we cannot but think it presumptuous on Colonel Lindbergh's part to announce the answers to equations most of the variables in which are unknown to him and wholly outside his experience.

A Prejudice

No doubt some of our indignation is the outcome of our view that Colonel Lindbergh has no special friendliness for the principles for which we stand in this conflict. That prejudices us about him.

But we think he has said too much or too little. Too much, if what he says represents all he claims to know; for he knows little more than the competent reader of the press. Too little, if he wants a real assessment of his claim to speak. He ought to give us the whole of his mind. But I doubt if he will risk the dangers of that exposure.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A FURIOUS GRAND SCALE BATTLE IS NOW RAGING FROM THE ADRIATIC SEA TO THE AEGEAN, WITH PARTICULARLY VIOLENT FIGHTING ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT OLYMPUS, WHERE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS HAVE REPEATEDLY SMASHED MASS GERMAN ASSAULTS.

The German forces are now bringing their full weight to bear not only on the Macedonian front, but also in Albania, where troops swinging from Yugoslavia have joined the Italians, and it is expected that the Greeks will fall back on the Albanian front.

The British High Command admits the seriousness of the situation, but says that the Allied line, although compelled to give ground at several points, has inflicted severe losses on the Germans and prevented at break-through at any point.

Athens Radio announced that the British Imperial and Greek forces have repulsed German mechanised columns at many points on the northern front, inflicting severe damage on the Germans.

At some points on their east flank, however, the Greeks have been compelled to make a series of strategic withdrawals, according to the official spokesman, who added that in Albania, the Greeks are still in control of the situation, and "in local attacks, repulsed with heavy losses for the Italians."

IT IS OFFICIALLY CLAIMED THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ALLIED LINES ARE STANDING FIRM AT THE BASE OF THE KEY MOUNTAIN PASSES IN THE OLYMPIAN REGION. INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Line Intact

Latest reports from the Macedonian front state that the Anglo-Greek line, although under pressure, remains intact.

Hard fighting is taking place round Servia (Greece) where Australian troops are giving the Germans a hammering. One British armoured unit brought down five German planes with Bren guns.

Bitter Struggle

Beyond the fact that a bitter struggle is raging in the region just north of Kalabaka, there is no fresh news regarding the fighting in northern Greece.

A Greek communiqué stated the Germans were advancing upon Kalabaka.

Albania Situation

The Greek army may have to evacuate Albania where the situation is described as "serious" according to well-informed quarters in Cairo yesterday.

Considerable German forces which have been freed from action in Yugoslavia have succeeded in pushing back the Greeks who were in a position to protect the retreat of the Greek forces from the Albania sector, it is stated.

This may have repercussions on the British and Imperial troops in Greece.

Well-informed quarters in Cairo do not pretend to minimise the gravity of the Greek situation. Reuter.

THEFT FROM NAVAL OFFICER

Lt. Collingwood, of No. 100, Waterloo Road, was complainant when Chan Kau, 30, was charged with stealing before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused stole two sports coats, two pairs of trousers, one jacket and one naval uniform, the property of Lt. Collingwood, from the roof of the house on Wednesday.

Accused was fined \$40 or six weeks' hard labour.

HUGE U.S. TAX BOOST PROPOSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

With an announced policy of taxing "the people who haven't paid anything up to this time," the Administration is submitting a new revenue programme to Congressional leaders, calling for a \$3,000,000,000 increase in Federal taxes.

Congress is requested to bring the total estimated tax burden for next year up to U.S. \$12,667,000,000.

Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, reiterated that it was Administration policy, approved by Congressional leaders, to raise money for defence in the proportion of two-thirds by taxes and one-third by borrowing.

The kind of taxes it is proposed to introduce to raise the large total has not been revealed, but Mr. Morgenthau said it was his objective to have everyone pay more in taxes next year than this. International News Service.

DOG WHICH BIT A COOLIE

Mr. C. Van Langenberg, of No. 401, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle.

It was stated that the animal bit a coolie of the Imports and Exports Department, while delivering some articles.

A fine of \$5 was imposed. Mr. C. W. Tresie, of the same address, was also fined \$5 for a similar offence.

Sgt. Willerton prosecuted.

BRITAIN'S LATEST AND GREATEST BATTLESHIP

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board H.M.S. King George V)

AS THE FIRST journalist to be allowed aboard Britain's latest and greatest battleship, I am able to describe some special features of what is probably the mightiest instrument of war yet created by man.

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Monster Guns

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AN AIR ATTACK AGAINST THE "KG5." AS THE VESSEL IS KNOWN IN THE NAVY, WOULD DEFINITELY BE A JOB FOR A SUICIDE SQUAD.

Incidentally the fire control instruments, last word in this branch of war science, are said to have accounted for more than £200,000 of the battleship's total cost.

Should the bridge be put out of action by a bomb or shell, the "KG5" could still carry on, as there are at least four positions in various parts of the ship from which control could continue.

Virtually Unsinkable

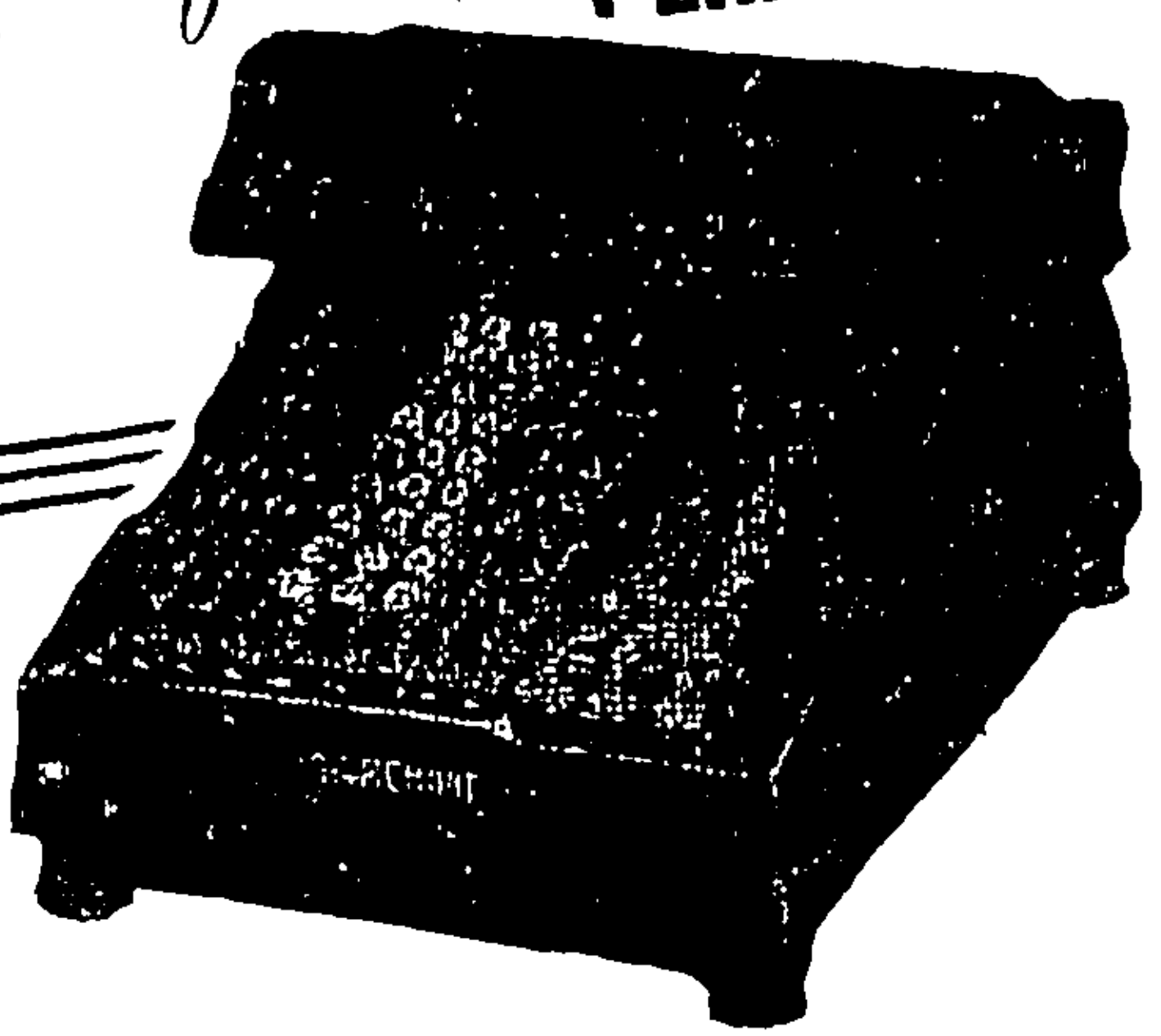
Internally the most striking feature is the elaborate subdivisioning by means of watertight bulkheads, making the ship virtually unsinkable.

The telephone exchange is linked with 1,200 telephones in all parts of the ship, while upwards of 60,000 electric lights make the interior as bright and cheerful as possible in a warship.

Of hundreds of features which strike one during a tour of the warship as worthy of remark not the least are those which contribute to the comfort of the crew, for which every conceivable modern device which can be fitted has been introduced into both the living and recreational quarters.—Reuter.

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GRIM TALE OF NAZI SAVAGERY IN RAIDS ON BELGRADE

(By Reuter's Correspondent "Somewhere In Yugoslavia")

THE DEATHROLL RESULTING FROM THE GERMAN AIR FORCE'S RAIDS ON BELGRADE MAY REACH 12,000, ACCORDING TO THE ESTIMATES OF OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE HORRORS.

Men who saw Rotterdam and Warsaw laid in ruins say that the onslaught on Belgrade was even more severe.

After the first raid, I counted 200 dead alone on the main boulevard in the Terazije district in the centre of Belgrade.

The city was totally unprepared for this attack. A few miserable shelters were the only air raid protection measures in being. The fire could not be fought because of the lack of water. Food and fuel supplies had become exhausted.

Two shelters received direct hits from the first bombs. Three hundred were mown down in one barracks.

The War Office and the Prime Minister's office and most of the other Ministries had gone up in flames by noon of the first day. Belgrade's leading hotel, the Serbik Kralj, was razed.

The German, American, and Greek Legations were destroyed.

Mass Attack

Some hundred German planes attacked Belgrade in the first raid. Divebombers swooped down to within 500 feet to drop their bombs. The citizens of Belgrade standing in the streets, seemed unable to grasp that the war was already upon them. It was nothing less than a massacre.

After a further day and night of bombing, Belgrade presented a picture of one vast inferno, confined within the angle formed by the intersection of the Save and Danube Rivers. Serbian fighter pilots shot down eighteen German bombers over Belgrade alone.

In the absence of anti-aircraft guns, soldiers fired at the raiders with rifles.

German Losses

As I left the city, I met Serbian troops who had received the first

STABBING IN SCHOOL

HOW A 14-YEAR-OLD PUPIL OF PIU CHING SCHOOL IN WATERLOO ROAD STABBED ANOTHER STUDENT WITH A PEN KNIFE IN THE SCHOOL COMPOUND, WAS RELATED BEFORE MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN IN THE KOWLOON JUVENILE COURT THIS MORNING.

The boy was accused of inflicting bodily harm upon a 16-year-old fellow student, by cutting and wounding him with a pen knife on April 1.

The incident occurred when the two were playing. The elder lad put a rope around the younger's neck so that he lost his temper, took out a pen knife from his pocket, and stabbed the older boy on the chest.

The injured lad was removed to St. Teresa's Hospital, and detained for two weeks.

Pleading guilty, the 14-year-old student was fined \$75.

RED CROSS AID TO VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American Red Cross has announced that the French Line freighters "Ile de Ray" and "Leopold" are leaving Stapleton, N.Y., to-day for Marseilles with wheat, flour and condensed milk for women and children in unoccupied France.—International News Service.

PRESIDENT AT PEAK OF POPULARITY

President Roosevelt's popularity in the United States has reached its highest level, according to the results shown by the latest nationwide Gallup poll.

Seventy-three per cent of the voters expressed full confidence in the President and only 27 per cent disapproved. Reuter.

"LIMPETOCRATIC SODOM OF THE FAR EAST"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NOW THAT the ratepayers have accepted the scheme for the Provisional Council, attention in Shanghai is centred upon the local Consular Body and the Chungking Government, both of which must yet approve the scheme of "better goodwill and international cooperation."

Because of the strength of "Axis influence" on the new Council, the approval of the Wang Ching-wei puppet government may also be asked, leading to possible friction.

Lone opposition was staged at the Ratepayers' meeting by Ronald "Lone Eagle" MacDonald, the well-known British lawyer, who ran unsuccessfully at the last election as an independent candidate for the S.M.C.

He warned his "brethren of this Mammonistic limpetocratic Sodom of the Far East" that he saw "the writing on the wall" behind them, and that "Death" would be their fate if they voted for the Provisional Council. He was the only one voting against it.

Citing the Old Testament, he warned Shanghai against flying to new masters, presumably meaning the Japanese, and recalled the ancient Hebrew tribe whose old masters "chastised them with whips" but whose new masters "chastised them with scorpions." International News Service.

Council Problem

Although just voted into office, foreign members of the provisional Shanghai Municipal Council are already facing a highly delicate question, namely, the selection of the four Chinese members.

Both the pro-Chungking and the pro-Nanking bodies have sent in nominations to the Council.

In addition, the Nanking group have addressed a letter to the Council alleging that the Chungking group's procedure was illegal, as their nomination was made from Hong Kong, to which the pro-Chungking Chinese Ratepayers' Association was recently transferred to avoid interference from the Japanese and from Wang Ching-wei supporters.

The four Chinese names mentioned in earlier messages are not official.—Reuter.

U.S. TAXPAYERS WARNED

United States taxpayers are to be asked to pay \$3,500,000,000 more dollars next year.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced yesterday that the Administration are asking for this amount of new taxes.

That figure, he added, was reached on the basis that at least two-thirds of expenditure ought to be raised by taxation. Expenditure for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is estimated at \$19,000,000,000.

"EXISTING TAXES WILL BRING US JUST OVER \$9,000,000,000 LEAVING ABOUT \$3,500,000,000 SHORT OF THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WE OUGHT TO RAISE," HE SAID.

Apart from these new taxes the Treasury will have to borrow \$500,000,000 a month to meet expenditures on defence and the Lend and Lease programme.—Reuter.

DESERTER FINED

A fine of \$200, or two months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, on Wong Yun, P.C.C. 607, for desertion from the Force on April 20 last year.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 39

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand is contributed by D. P. Langlois, of Decatur, Illinois

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ Q J 9 8 6
♥ Q J 6
♦ Q 4
♣ A 6 2
West
♠ A K 2
♥ K 10 9
♦ 6 2
♣ J 10 8
North
♠ 7 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 7 6
♣ 3 2
East
♠ 10 4
♥ A 7 4
♦ A K 9 8
♣ Q 9 5 4

The bidding
South West North East
1♠ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass 3NT Pass

West opened the Jack of clubs, dummy played low, and East won with the club King. East switched to a heart, and South ducked, allowing West to win. West returned a heart, and South went after the spades. But that allowed West to gain the lead twice; and that was enough time to establish and run the hearts. South was therefore down two.

The crime you are supposed to detect has already taken place. Look carefully, for it's a subtle one. If you don't see it read on.

South was the criminal, and his crime took place at the very first trick. If he won the first trick, and went right after the spade, he would make three spades, two hearts, three diamonds, and a club, before the enemy could establish and cash the long heart. The club suit wasn't nearly so great a menace as the hearts, partly because the enemy had more heart than club, and partly because East would probably lead heart if he got the lead during the course of the play.

Strangely enough, it was not a crime for South to be set two tricks, even though he could have cashed eight tricks. To cash the eight tricks would be to make sure of being set, whereas going after the spades would bring in the contract if by some miracle East had one of the top spades.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 6
♥ A J 9 4
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ Q 10 7 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Miler You Schenken
1♥ 2♠ (?)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. To double is not particularly wise, since your heart length damages the value of your partner's defensive tricks. The game in hearts is practically a sure thing, and a set in clubs is unlikely to be very big.

Score: 100% for three hearts, 80% for two diamonds, 60% for double, 40% for two hearts.

Question No. 693

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 8 5
♣ A J 9 8 2

The bidding:
Maier Jacoby You Schenken
1♠ 1NT (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CONCENTRATION OF INDUSTRY

STEADY PROGRESS is being made in carrying out the Government scheme for the concentration of industry, whereby some firms will work to full capacity with Government assistance over labour and raw materials, and others will be closed down for the duration of the war, receiving compensation from those still operating, and with a Government guarantee of sympathetic help to reopen directly hostilities are concluded.

Approved firms will be called to realise that benefit will be gained. It has been decided to exclude the furniture making and the clothing industries from the scheme because the units are so small and varied that the disturbance caused by such an organisation is not likely to be justified. British Wireless.

The home industry, which consists in the main of undertakings of moderate size, is facing a somewhat different problem and one firm, for example, is closing three out of twelve factories, while ten small firms are to carry on production in one factory.

An interesting experiment is being tried by firms manufacturing similar goods which are working as independent units under the roofs of one factory.

Six companies making imitation leather goods in Northampton are forming a holding company which will continue their interests.

Concentration is thus being carried forward in the strongest cooperative spirit in many industries, where the Government

PICTURES FOR N.Y. MUSEUM

Photographs depicting various phases of wartime life in Britain are being sent to New York for exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art.

The collection, made by the Ministry of Information, consists of official photographs as well as cartoons, posters and book-illustrations, and portrays the gay as well as the grim aspects of life in Britain under war conditions, and depicts the activities of the army, navy and air force and the civil defence services. British Wireless.

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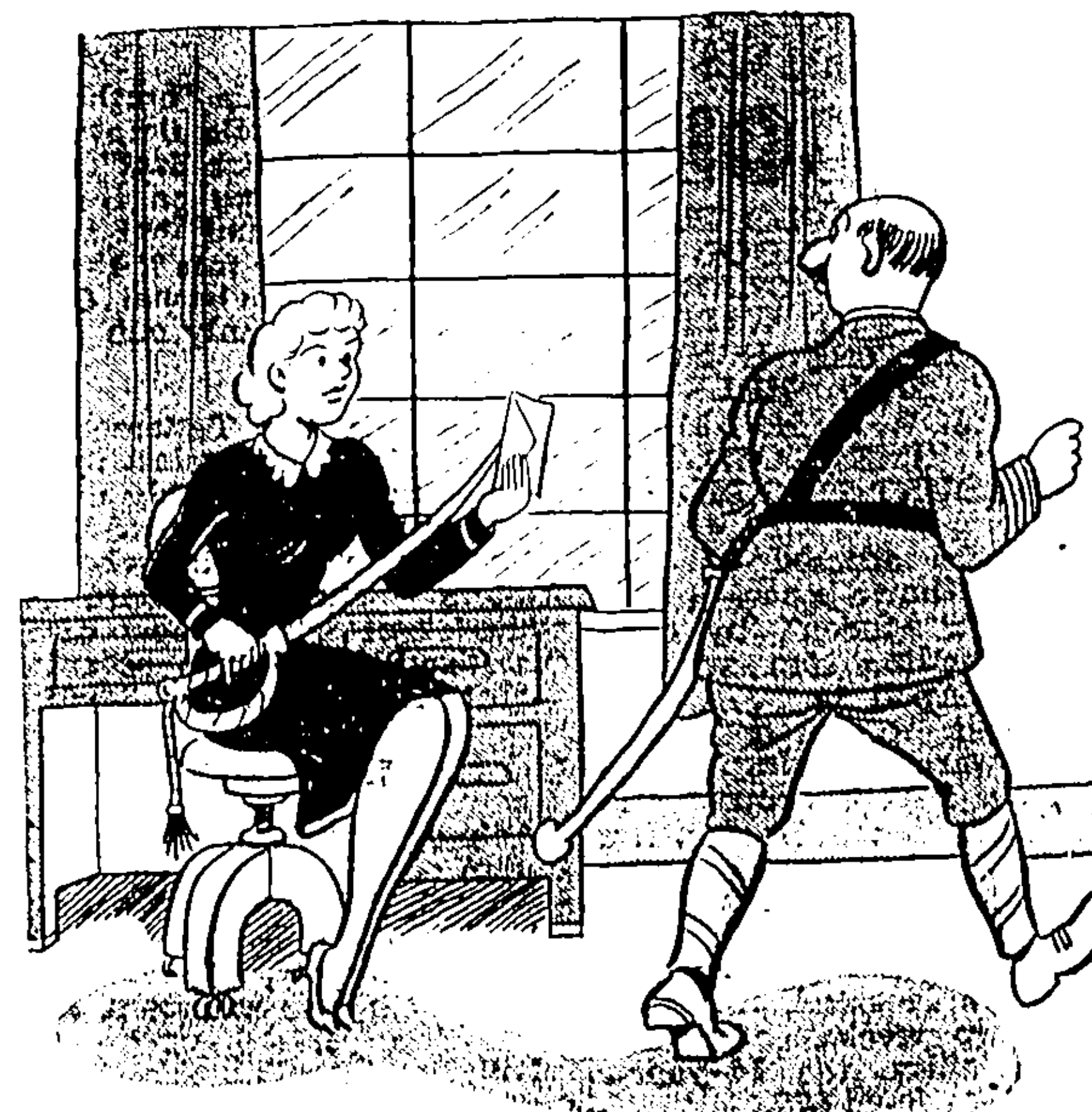
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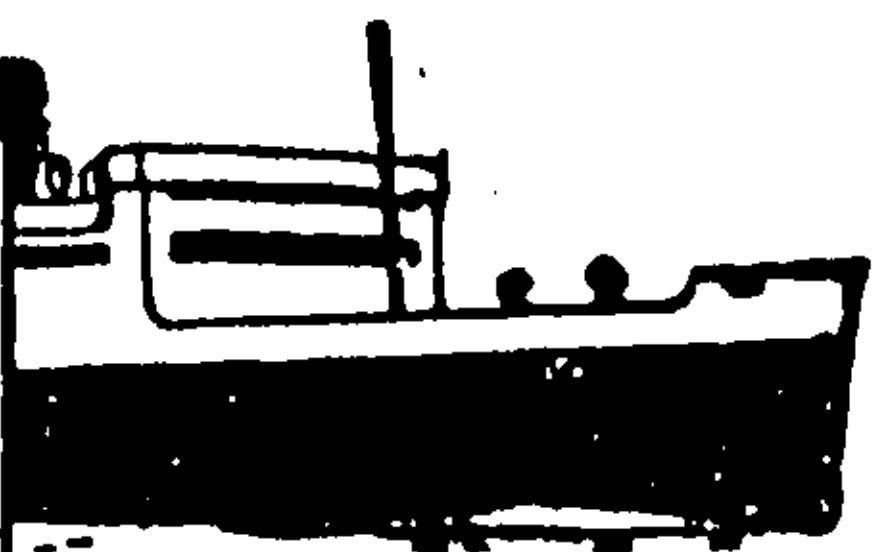
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GENERAL SIKORSKI IN NEW YORK

Enthusiastic receptions were awaiting General Sikorski, Polish Premier, when he attended a number of functions on the first day of his official visit to New York yesterday.

Speaking at a banquet given by Poles of New York he appealed for more aid.

"Our undaunted people and our firmly fighting army know that your hearts are with them but they are expecting more — they expect that you will act."

The statement was loudly cheered and the Polish national anthem was sung.

A significant demonstration was the spontaneous cheering of General Sikorski by Czechoslovak nationals in New York. — Reuter.

CUT IN CAR OUTPUT AGREED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An important decision was reached with almost unprecedented speed of action in connection with America's defence production programme, when it was disclosed in Washington last night that the national automobile manufacturing industry had entered into a voluntary agreement with the Government to slash next year's production of motor cars by twenty per cent.

This drastic step was announced by Mr. Knudsen, who is organising the American re-armament programme. The effect will be to reduce the output of 1942 models of civilian motor cars by over one million. International News Service.

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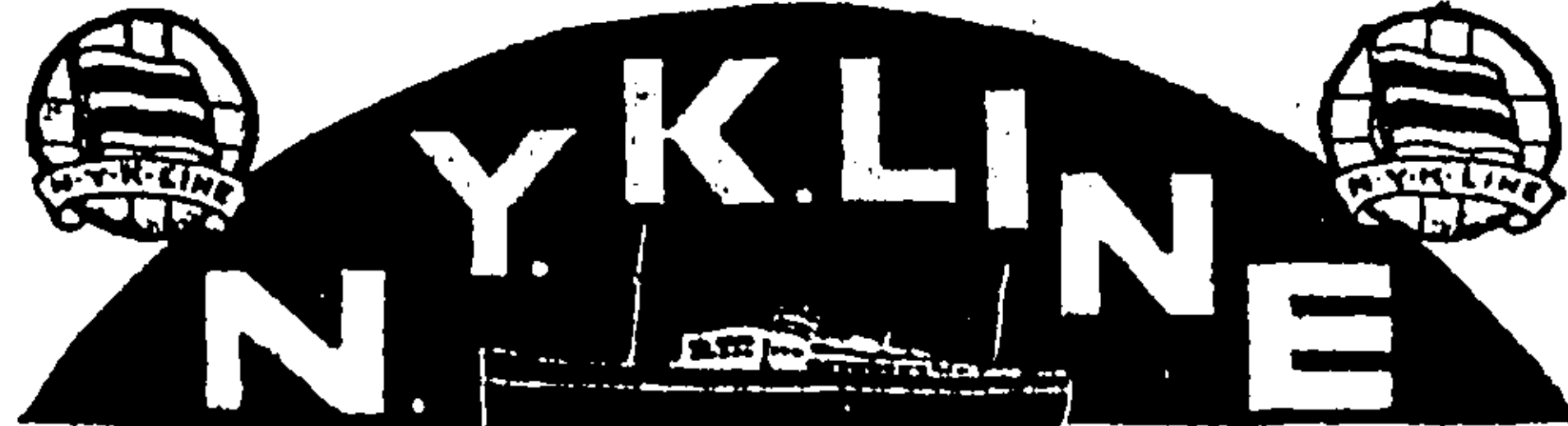
The Chairman of the Kwangtung Oversea Association, La Chukwan, is seeking the support of the provincial and the Japanese authorities for a mission to Malaya and the South Seas to induce over-sea Chinese to support the Nanking regime according to reports in the Canton press.

The mission, it is said, will include gymnasts and artists assisted by displays and entertainment. Reuter Special.

GERMAN-TURKISH TRADE PACT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported in Istanbul that a new German-Turkish trade agreement will be announced shortly, under which Turkey will send tobacco, cotton and small quantities of opium in exchange for German medicines. — International News Service.



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May Do Well After They Are "Acclimatised"

MORE THAN 300 English and French thoroughbreds—stallions, broodmares and active campaigners—have been imported since the outbreak of World War II. A number of them are in training at Santa Anita and Hialeah Park, and several may figure prominently once they get the hang of American ways writes a correspondent.

They went in more for distance in England and France. Speed is stressed on this side. The foreign horses were not schooled to dash out of the gate. They were rated slower the first part. They were on turf.

On many courses they ran the reverse of the way steeds run here. Used to straightaways and right-handers, the invaders must learn to negotiate corners that are strange to them.

Louis B. Mayer's Hunter's Moon IV, winner of the last traditional Caesarwick Stakes in England, is training well at Arcadia. Perhaps the most prominent foreigner ever to enter the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Fast Mile Run

Saint Andrews, which arrived from England last August, shell-shocked and at a reported cost of \$50,000, was temporarily on the shelf with bucked shins, but phenomenal workman moved him up among the contenders for the Hundred Grander at the gorgeous plant of the Los Angeles Turf Club.

He startled clockers by working a mile in 1:39. Saint Andrews did not find his speed twice when galloping into action, but these were educational affairs.

He was bred in France, but did most of his racing in England, where in 1939 he set a world record of 1:59 4/5 for a mile and a quarter on the

"downhill" Brighton Beach track near London.

Heliopolis Fine Record

Saint Andrews is nine years old. One of that age never won such an important event, but the Vaidina Farms is high on Saint Andrews being a factor in the Santa Anita.

George Walsh's Chico, British-bred, has not yet started, but is being conditioned on the southern California strip.

Only imported animals showing anything at Hialeah Park are Heliopolis, Bolivar, Raphael II and Piping Rock.

Heliopolis, a 5-year-old bay horse, by Hyperion and Drift, is owned by Elmer Dale Shaffer's Goldstream Farm.

Heliopolis, bred by Lord Derby, brought with him a fine record as any English animal to match the chores with the peculiar reputation of Papyrus.

As a 3-year-old in 1939, Heliopolis won the Chester Vase, finished third in the English Derby, Blue Peter and Fox Club, and then topped three in a row, the Prince of Wales Stakes at Ascot, the Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket and the Gatacke Stakes at Goodwood Park.

The Widener Cup

Heliopolis, which will hug 125 pounds, appears the best of the



foreign lot being pointed for the \$50,000 Widener Cup.

Bolivar, owned by Banker William Woodward's Belair Stud, has won twice over the grass course at Hialeah. It appears to like running on grass only.

Raphael II, 4-year-old by Rodocto-Philomela, won two of five starts in France. Three out of four in this country.

Should Improve Breed

Joseph Early Widener bought Raphael II as a yearling in France for \$275,000 francs.

He bred the bay colt in that country as a juvenile, when he prevailed twice and was twice nosed out in big stakes.

Raphael II's Widener Cup weight is 120, but neither he nor Piping Rock, imported by Marshall Field, appear of stakes calibre.

Beau Pere, recently brought to Deepcliffe Farm, near San Jose, Calif., by Motion Picture Magnate Mayer, sired 15 Australian stake winners out of his first crop of 17. The flow from South America is steady.

These additions to blood-stock can't fail to have considerable effect on the breed of American runners.

Q. M. Omar, manager of the St. Joseph's softball team, is well pleased with his team's success, and intends to run their baseball team this season.

CIVIL SERVICE BOWLS LOSSES

Civil Service Cricket Club find it impossible to enter more than one team in the Bowls League this season.

Gaps in the ranks have been occasioned by the retirement of Grimmit, (ex-colony champion) R. R. Wood, and the transfer of J. Hollidge to Singapore.

Bowlers on leave include Deakin, Collyer and Hillyer, whilst A. B. Allan has received medical advice to refrain from playing this season.

Other members will not be available by reasons of military and volunteer duties.

An intra-club game will be held to-morrow at 3.15 p.m. and all members interested in bowls are invited to take part.

K'LOON CHESS CLUB

Owing to the Black-out exercise yesterday evening, there was no meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club at the Peninsula Hotel. The chess room will be opened for players to-day and it is suggested members taking part in the chess tournaments will avail themselves of the opportunity to catch up on adjourned and postponed games.

K.C.C. JUNIORS TO PLAY 'REST'

To bring the Second Division League season to a close, a Champions (Kowloon C.C.) v Rest match has been arranged for Sunday next. The game will be played at Cox's Road at 2 p.m. sharp.

The Champions will be represented by:

S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. Curtis, K. M. Baxter, T. A. Madar, W. L. Rapley, G. A. Goodban, W. C. Hung, G. E. Taylor, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire and W. W. Parsons, with L. R. Burch as twelfth man, and R. Leigh as umpire.

Rest Team

The following have been selected to represent The Rest:

A. E. Carey (Police) Capt., M. A. Remedios (Recreio), G. Amalie (C.S.C.C.), A. el Arculli Jr., (I.R.C.), M. I. Abdul-Razack (I.R.C.), U. H. Esmail (Craigengower), H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.), U. M. Omar (Craigengower), A. E. Noronha (Recreio), K. Lo (University) and D. Chelliah (University).



WAH YAN ATHLETICS

The annual athletic meeting of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will be held on Kowloon Football Club ground on Thursday, April 24, at 1 p.m. If the weather is unfavourable, the sports will be held on Friday, April 25.

U.S. MOVE TO TIGHTEN TENNIS AMATEUR RULE

WITH A CASUALNESS and concord that furnished little indication of the far-reaching implications of the matter, the delegates to the annual meeting of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hotel Vanderbilt recently went on record as favouring the proposed stringent amendments to the amateur regulations, writes Allison Danzig from New York.

The changes, acted upon by the United States Lawn Tennis Association at the Vanderbilt on Feb. 8, constituted the most drastic restrictive measures introduced by the amateur rule committee since the adoption of the player-writer provision some fifteen years ago. The unanimous consensus of the Eastern Association, largest sectional tennis organisation in the country, goes a long way toward assuring affirmative action on the proposition when the delegates of the parent body convene.

The Amendments

The amendments, if adopted, will have the following results:

1. Aside from national championships and international team matches, amateurs will be limited to twelve weeks of competition during which they may have their expenses paid. The so-called eight-week rule will be superseded by a twelve-week rule, but the private hospitality exception will no longer obtain and sectional championships will count against the player's time allowance.

Indefinite Play Curbed

Under the eight-week rule, a player could compete indefinitely

so long as he was put up at a private home, rather than having had his expenses paid at a hotel. This dispensation will not be granted under the proposed regulation.

2. Amateurs no longer will be eligible to compete in sanctioned tournaments other than closed club events if they are connected directly or indirectly with the sale of tennis goods or with a firm manufacturing or selling tennis goods. Under the rule as it stands, they are permitted to work for a sporting goods company when their connection is of a general nature and they are not identified with the tennis end of the business more than with any other department. A number of ranking players have been enjoying such connections and the new regulation will hit home severely for some of them.

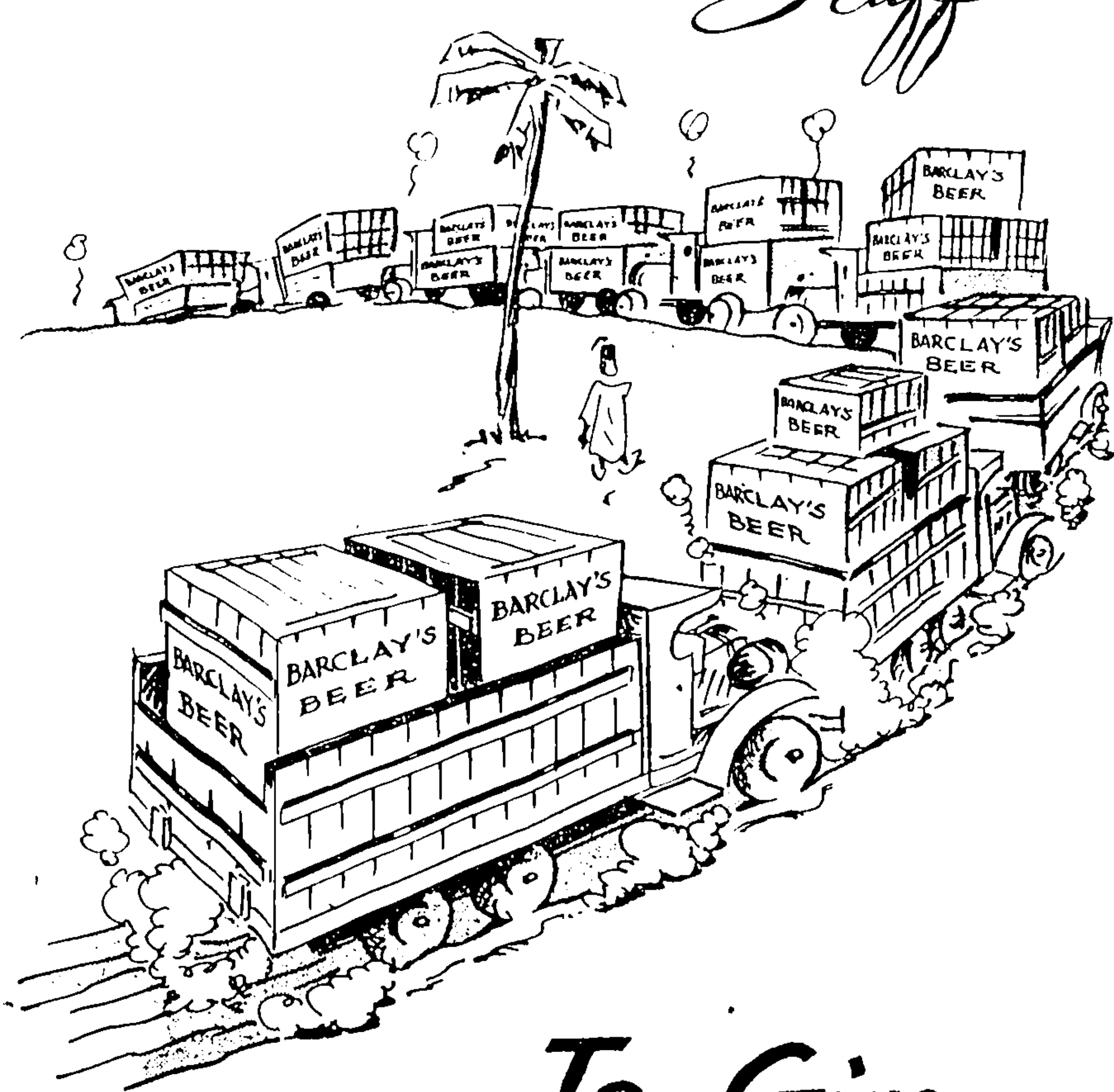
3. The practice of sporting goods companies giving racquets, gut and other equipment to players will be curtailed. A limit will be set upon the volume of free equipment the players may receive and the gifts will be made only upon authorisation of the United States Lawn Tennis Association through the players' sectional organisations. The manufacturers are said to be in favour of the change and have promised to cooperate in its enforcement.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

MIDDIES FAVOURED FOR AREA ATHLETIC HONOURS

Services' Last Major Sports Event On Tuesday

SWIMMING IN THE OFFING

By "Squaddy"

ON Tuesday, on the Hong Kong Polo Club ground the last major sporting event for the 1940/41 season -- the Area Athletic meeting -- will start at 2.30 p.m.

Following teams will take part: 12th Coast Regt., R.A. 8th Coast Regt., R.A. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt. 5/7th Rajput Regt. 2/14th Punjab Regt. Combined Small Units.

Strong favourites for the Championship are Middlesex Regiment who so far this year have been responsible for some very fine times and distances for track and field events.

The meeting will last three days and if the weather is bad, the alternative dates will be April 29 and 30 and May 1.

Results so far in the Tug-of-War are:

110 Stone: 12th Coast Regt. received a walkover from Royal Scots; 1st Middlesex Regt. beat 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two pulls to nil; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 5/7th Rajput Regt. by two pulls to one.

130 Stone: 12th Coast Regt. received a walkover from Royal Scots; 1st Middlesex Regt. lost to 2/14th Punjab Regt. by two pulls to one; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat 5/7th Rajput Regt. by two pulls to one.

Semi-finals will be pulled off on the Polo ground as follows: 110 Stone on Tuesday and 130 Stone on Wednesday.

Team for semi-finals are as follows:

110 Stone: Winner of the 8th Coast Regt., R.A. and 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

12th Coast Regt., R.A. v. Middlesex Regt.

130 Stone: Winner of the 8th Coast Regt., R.A. and 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.

12th Coast Regt., R.A. v. 2/14th Punjab Regt.

The Athletic meeting which was due to be contested between the Army Athletic team and the

Chinese Amateur Federation on Sunday, May 4, has been put back until May 18 and will now be between the Chinese and Middlesex Regiment, who are considered the strongest military athletic team in the Colony.

Last of events for this meeting are: 2 Miles Relay, 440 Yards Relay, 480 Yards Hurdles, 1 Mile Team Race, 880 Yards Relay, 3 Miles Team Race, 1 Mile Relay Throwing the Javelin, Throwing the Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Putting the Weight.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Area Sports Board will take place on Tuesday, May 6. At this meeting all sporting activities for the forthcoming season will be discussed and any new proposals submitted by Units serving in Hong Kong will be investigated. Units will also be given a general idea of sporting events to come.

It has been suggested that in future years Army Cross Country runs, which always take place on the Mainland, might be run on the Island and so give members of the garrison stationed on the Island a change.

NOW that the Army swimming pool at Victoria Barracks is once again in full use, it will be a pleasant change to watch a game of water polo in

Swimming

Instead of a football match while some swimming games between the different Services can be looked forward to.

Everything is being done to encourage the Water Polo League, which has been suggested for competition between the Army, Navy, and Y.M.C.A. in the near future.

Royal Corps Signals, who were the winners of both Army water polo competitions last year, are again in training and are hoping to again meet with success.



DISCOURSE ON RACING

I read a statement the other day attributed to Colonel E. R. Bradley, the famous horse-breeder, writes C. E. M. Brown in the "N.C.D. News."

Said Bradley: "There are 54 different ways in which the best horse in a race can lose honestly."

Oh, yes? And how about the astronomical number of ways in which it can lose dishonestly? Tot up the combined total and then add the percentage possibilities of an upset in every race and you have a fairly adequate reason why tipsters go "nuts" even nuttier than they are to begin with.

Taken all in all, "The Chaser" doesn't do too badly. Week before last 22 out of his 38 selections were out. Last week he gave you Luckyton and Goldenlight as outsiders. They won.

Harking back once more to Comrade Bradley's statement there seems to be one problem he hasn't cared to tackle -- the number of different ways in which Seabiscuit, the greatest money-maker of them all, could win a race. Records show that the mythical creature was out of the money only four times in 42 starts after which he retired to do a spot of studding.

Then as the crowning achievement of a story book career, the patched up cripple, after a year's retirement came back in March, 1940, to win the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, won it in the record-breaking time of 2 min. 15.5 sec. and boosted his lifetime winnings to \$437,730, highest in turf history. For this fabulous feat, the owners of Santa Anita last February honoured the Biscuit. From the lush meadows of Owner Howard's ranch, they coaxed the retired champion, father of seven and 80 pounds heavier than he was a year ago, to make a personal appearance. First he was to help unveil his own statue, a life-sized bronze by Cowboy Sculptor Tex Wheeler. Then he was to lead the parade to the post for the inaugural running of the Seabiscuit Handicap.

At a press preview, when he first saw himself in bronze, the Biscuit tried to take a bite out of Sculptor Wheeler's \$25,000 job. But at the unveiling ceremony the next day, Seabiscuit behaved with poise befitting a guest of honour. He listened to his encomiums, whinnied with nervous embarrassment while the President of the Turf Club read a poem written by Sportswriter Grantland Rice.

Then came the debacle after the unveiling ceremony, the crowd dispersed to make their bets for the first race. Then they waited. They waited and waited. Then the meeting was called off.

Protesting against the discharge of one of their colleagues (after a knife fight a few nights before), the track's 1,500 grooms had called a strike during the Seabiscuit unveiling. The flabbergasted fans got their money back.

Next day the discharged groom was reinstated and racing went on at Santa Anita. Among other things, the striking grooms demanded that they be permitted to watch the races from the grandstands. . . . It's a good thing our mafiosos here haven't as yet cottoned on to the idea of demanding members' privileges. . . .

EASY VICTORY FOR TSUI BROTHERS

By "Adrem"

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui yesterday entered the semi-final of the Colony tennis tournament when they beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung 6-2, 6-4 on the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Beyond establishing that the Tsui brothers are in excellent form, the match was most uninteresting, both Fincher and Hung being quite unable to cope with the all round play of their opponents.

The first set was over in something less than 15 minutes, there being no rallies to speak of. The second set was even worse. The Tsuis rattled off five games before the opposition appeared to realise what it was all about. They then slackened off perceptibly, gave the sixth game away, and then, with Fincher and Hung showing slight improvement, lost the next three games before they clamped down and went out at 6-4.

It is probable that Fincher and Hung, in all their years of tournament tennis, have never been made to look so second-rate as they were yesterday, and it must, in fairness to the Tsuis, be said that the latter were in top form and this had much to do with the complete overshadowing of the K.C.C. pair as anything.

Club Match Postponed

The match between R. E. Guest and M. Pagh in the semi-final of the Club Championship was postponed until Tuesday.

To-day's Matches

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

H. D. Rumjahn v. Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court)

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest (-15.1) v. G. W. Sewell (-4/6) (8).

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Following is the programme of Colony tennis tournament matches for next week:—

Monday

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Final

R. E. Guest (-15.1) or G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v. T. J. Gould (-15.2) (8).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15) (4).

Tuesday

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher or Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

C. H. R. Oxlade v. F. W. Carter (7); R. E. Guest v. M. Pagh (8).

Thursday

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

Friday

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Final

C. H. R. Oxlade or F. W. Carter v. R. E. Guest or M. Pagh (Stand Court).



TO-MORROW'S LAWN BOWLS

Following will represent Craigengower C.C. in a Lawn Bowls match against Kowloon C.C. on the latter's green, to-morrow:

J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip); L. M. Roza, J. Pau, K. M. Omar, U. M. Omar (skip); Y. A. Razack, W. K. Way, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossetti (skip); W. E. Broadbridge, F. K. Modi, G. S. Ladd, T. Lock (skip); J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, N. P. Karanjia, M. J. Medina (skip); S. R. Solina, C. W. Lam, W. Ward, H. W. Randall (skip).

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison
9.20	M. A. Annett, J. B. Harrison
9.24	T. E. Pearce, J. A. Plummer
9.28	T. R. Andrewes, H. W. Beasley
9.32	G. F. Murphy, A. W. Bourne
9.36	A. B. Purves, G. M. Park
9.40	R. Forrest, S. L. Lloyd
9.44	I. H. Geare, T. Megarry
9.48	W. Woodward, W. W. C. Sheehan
9.52	J. E. Jupp, A. C. Meredith
9.56	A. C. Lamb, G. A. Dinsdale
10.00	B. O. Baldwin, F. N. Merritt
10.04	H. W. Duley, I. H. C. Highet
10.08	A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Collins
10.12	C. M. Poulsen, J. G. Jensen
10.16	A. K. Mackenzie, Col. Rose
10.20	R. D. Gillespie, J. C. Taylor
10.24	A. H. Penn, H. H. Mundy
10.28	A. M. Kennedy, I. P. Tainworth
10.32	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy
10.36	R. Allen, S. C. Feltham
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	G. G. Aitkenhead, R. C. Gardner
9.24	P. E. Annis, H. M. Rowland
10.28	R. H. Challinor, K. R. Quick
10.32	A. H. Guinness, H. A. Mills
10.40	R. Parkin, Miss Kelly

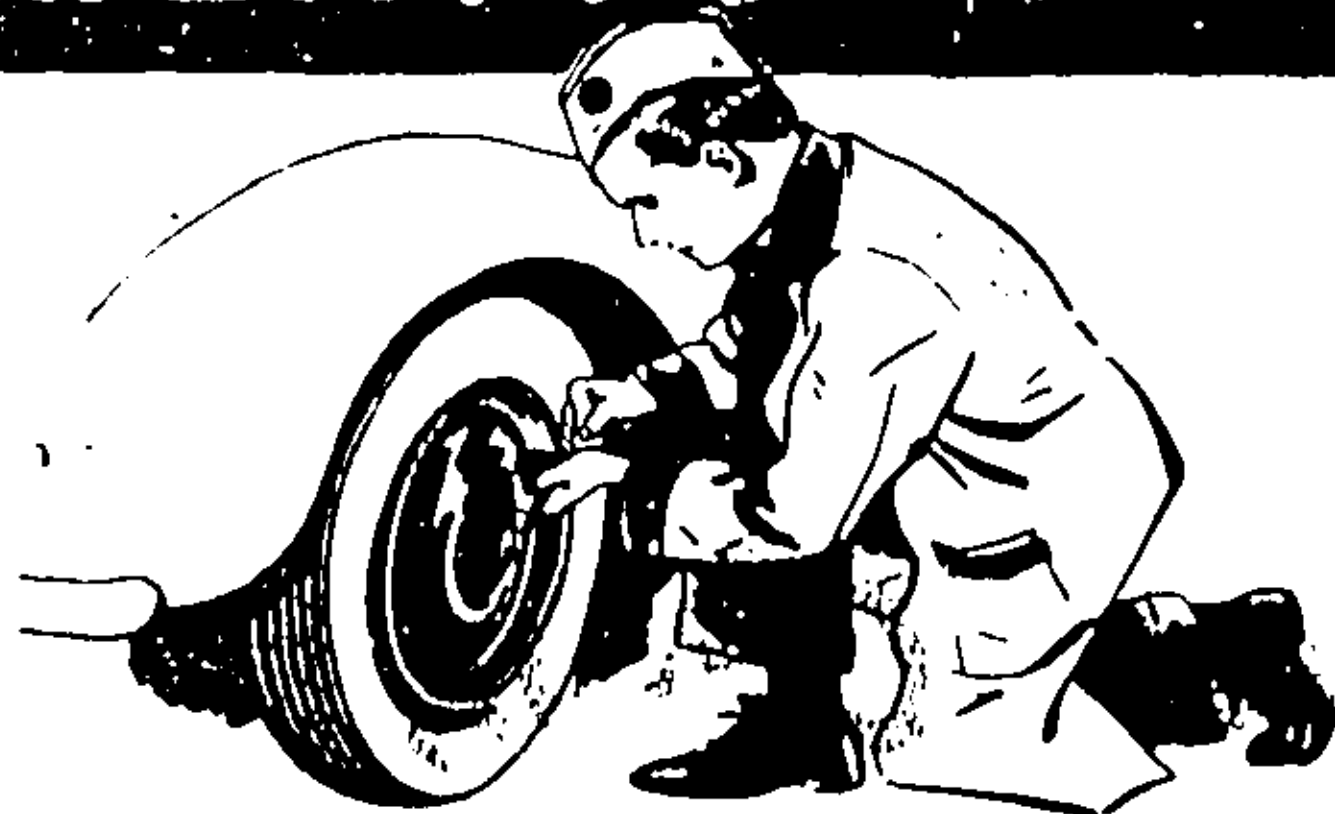
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GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF ARMSTRONG'S LAST FIGHT

Extremely Gallant Come-Back Effort That Failed

A BIG PROGRAMME OF BOUTS FOR LOUIS

ONE MORE FOR J. Shufflin' Louis, the busiest heavyweight champion the gloved game has known. The prospective victims who received samples of what the Dark Destroyer handed to Red Burman are Gloomy Gus Dorazio, Ample Abe Simon, and Osculatory Arturo Godoy, the Kissing Bug of the Andes. After that, if all goes according to form there will be a Louis-Conn bout, writes John Kieran from New York, in an article dated February.

That may be slightly different. The Conn Man from Pittsburgh is a fast and fancy fellow with his fists. Speed and youth go together. Which is another way of saying that when youth goes, speed goes. It's the notion in this corner that J. Shufflin' Louis isn't quite as fast as he once was. He isn't as quick with the wing shots as he used to be. He's older, wiser, stronger. But where he used to strike like lightning, it's now the boomboom of the heavy artillery. He still hits with terrific force, but he doesn't hit the momentarily exposed target as he did in the earlier exciting nights when he was blasting his way to fame.

Red Burman bothered him a bit. Not with blows, but with bobbing and weaving. A few years ago the younger Louis, the way Burman fought, would have nailed his man before the fifth round. Burman didn't run away and hide. He came weaving in.

A Growing Problem

What came to mind as Louis hesitated in letting fly at Burman's weaving chin was that the champion is now faced with a growing problem. It's a small matter when he is called upon to meet a Burman. It may be a small matter when he goes against Dorazio, Simon and Godoy in that order.

One way or another, and sooner or later, the Dark Destroyer figures to blow them down. He hasn't missed yet, though he had to go around the second time to catch up with such bouncing boys as Bob Pastor and Arturo Godoy. But he got his man in each case. What matter which way they fall?

Well, the point is that, if he no longer is as keen as he once was on sight draft or wing shots, a shifty gent and fancy boxer like Billy the Conn Man might have a chance to go the distance and even pile up enough points to take the crown away from Louis. Of course, if the Shuffler ever nailed

Conn, his handlers might have to go back six rows into the ring-side seats to pick up the body of their fallen fighter. That much is readily conceded in this corner.

Getting Smarter

However, his added years have not been altogether a handicap to J. Louis Barrow. He's smarter than he was the night he took that terrible beating from Schmeling the first time they met. When he found Burman's chin an elusive target to hit and a tough one to dent when he did land, he shifted his attack downstairs. Burman couldn't shift his boiler room around as fast as he could hob and weave with his head. So Louis laid into him and ruined his mid-section. Three or four to the boiler room left Red a complete and unken wreck.

So maybe J. Shufflin' Louis doesn't have to worry for some time yet. He isn't the worrying kind, anyway. Nor is it the general opinion that he will have to be razor-keen and lightning-fast to hold his own against the heavyweight championship against the assault of Gloomy Gus Dorazio, Ample Abe Simon and Osculatory Arturo, the kissing chap from Chile. Louis may have a more serious problem in Billy Conn and may be Lou Nova later, but the Dark Destroyer may think up something or be told something that will fend off those fellows too.

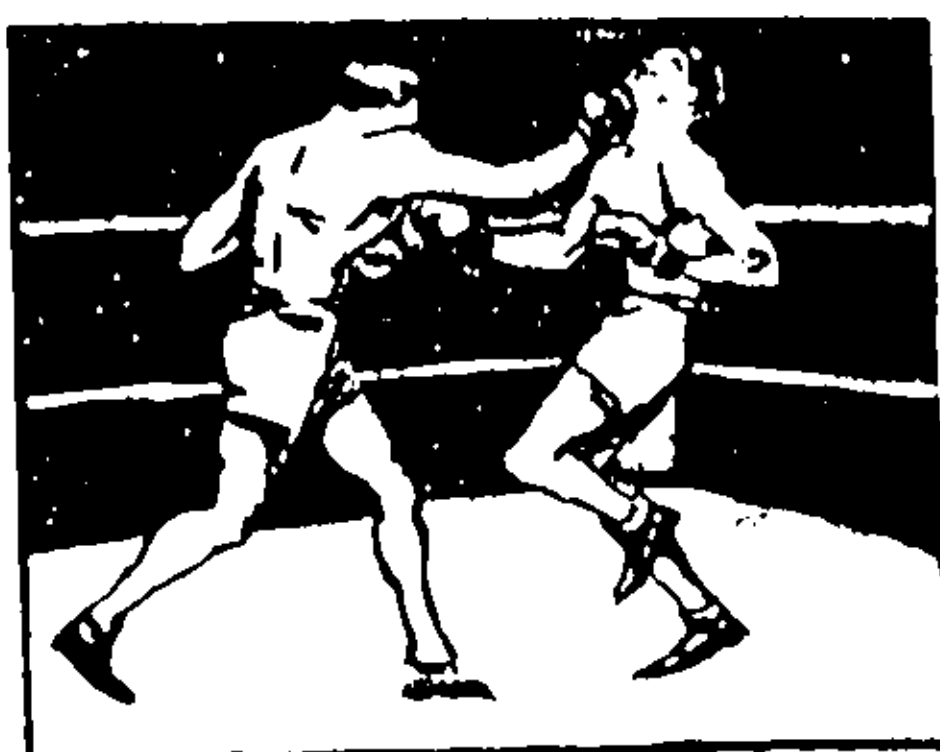
There is the further chance that the scheduled campaign may be halted by the induction of Joe Louis into military service. Joe says he'll take that in stride, too, if they ask him.

Two Schools Of Thought

Apropos of the call of noted athletes to Army life, there are two schools of thought. One is that the athletes should be the first to come a-running when the country calls. They have the build for it. They can set good examples for other fellows who may be slower of foot or not so belligerent of disposition. They can show that the defence programme is a united effort in which one and all must share, regardless of personal sacrifices. Thus a ball player drawing \$18,000 a year who exchanges that for a soldier's stipend, or a fighter like Louis taking Uncle Sam's small purses instead of the big ones offered by Uncle Mike Jacobs, would be a fine object-lesson for the young men of the nation. It wouldn't leave those making lesser financial sacrifices much room to kick.

The other school of thought has it that it isn't profitable to put a fellow like J. Shufflin' Louis, or, for that matter, Hank Greenberg, into a soldier's suit. Those fellows make big money. They pay big income taxes. A Greenberg on the ball field or a Louis in the ring contributes enough money in income taxes to keep a whole platoon under arms.

Maybe that's a good argument as far as money goes, but spirit counts in an "all out" defence programme, too and the sight of notable athletes playing around while anonymous bowlegged clerks or labourers marched



off to cantonments wouldn't give any great spiritual lift to the defence programme.

Outside The Ropes

However, this essay is on pugilism and that other argument is outside the ropes. It just came to mind and was mentioned in passing, which is the way it was heard.

What this observer saw in the Louis-Burman bout was something like the cool wind or the lazy leaf that come drifting down on some late day in August. It's Summer yet, but that first falling leaf—well, Summer doesn't last forever—and even Joe Louis some day must go downhill.

JACK OF ALL SPORTS

The excellent state of the Army football and cricket grounds at Sookumpoo is due to the care and attention of Lt. Col. Glasgow, of Royal Scots, the ground-man.

Glasgow is not only the caretaker of the grounds but is also a dependable reserve for many different sports. Tennis, playing a sort of a partner can always call on Glasgow, who has also often completed a depleted hockey team while last week one of the tough judges did not appear and he officiated.

GIRLS' SCHOOL SPORTS

French Convent Girls' School will hold their annual sports meeting on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, on Monday, April 21, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Headmaster of Queen's College, will distribute the prizes.

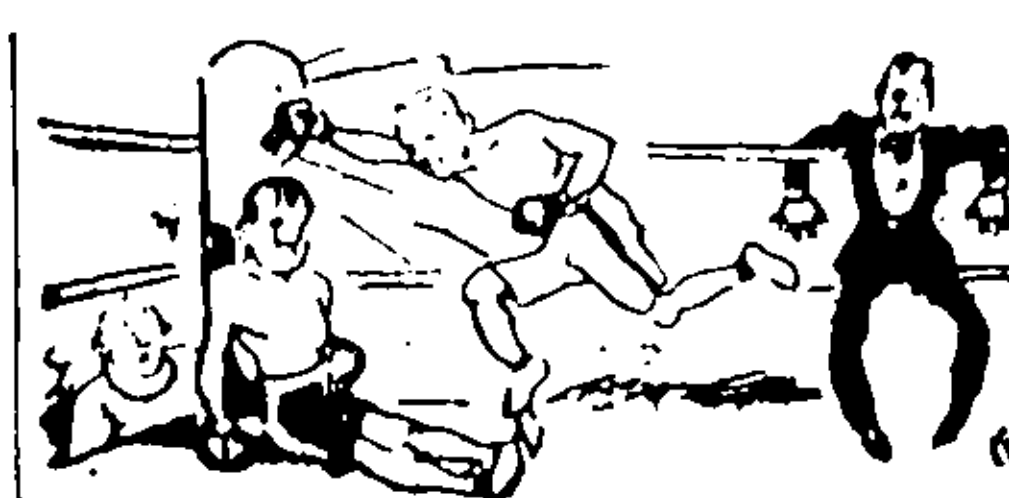
Cut And Bleeding Fights To Last

NEVER BEFORE had there been so many people crammed into Manhattan's Madison Square Garden. Besides the 23,000 who filled every seat to the rafters, there were thousands standing three-deep. Outside, police formed a wall around the Garden to keep all but ticket holders away, writes an American Correspondent.

The crowd had gone to see a prize fight. More than that, they had gone to cheer a gallant little Negro: spindly-shanked, kinky-haired Henry Armstrong. Two years ago, at 25, Henry Armstrong held three world's championships (featherweight, lightweight, welterweight), a feat unmatched by any other fistcutter, white or black. He renounced his featherweight title, lost his lightweight crown to Lou Ambers. Then, last October, after defending his welterweight championship 19 times, the little tornado, whose gameness and stamina made him one of the most extraordinary fighters of all time, lost the last of his crowns to Fritz Zivic, youngest of Pittsburgh's five "Fighting Zivics."

Do Or Die

At last little Henry faced Zivic again, in a do-or-die attempt to win back the welterweight title. Armstrong had just received the Neil Memorial Trophy, annually awarded to the most praiseworthy



fighter of the year. He will take Zivic this time, fight fans figured, now that surgeons have removed the bothersome scar tissue from around his eyes. But before the first round was over, the crowd realised how wrong they were. Instead of his customary windmill attack, Armstrong tried to box, scarcely landed a blow. In awe-some silence they watched round after round. The tiny dynamo, after ten years of punching, was running down at last. Gently he swung, but Zivic landed two for one.

By the fifth round, Armstrong's eyes were dripping blood. By the tenth, he looked like an idiot, face swollen, eyes closed, mouth open.

Roaring Mass

Then suddenly the fans rose to their feet in a roaring mass. As if some unseen transformer had hooked on a new supply of power, Armstrong was the dynamo of days gone by. His little fists smashed Zivic with savage fury. It was a superhuman rally, one its witnesses will never forget. But it was too late. After 52 seconds of the 12th round, Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight. Three times (after the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds) he had peered anxiously at Armstrong's wounds. His eleventh-round warning—"Just one more round, Henry!"—had spurred the chocolate soldier to his last stand.

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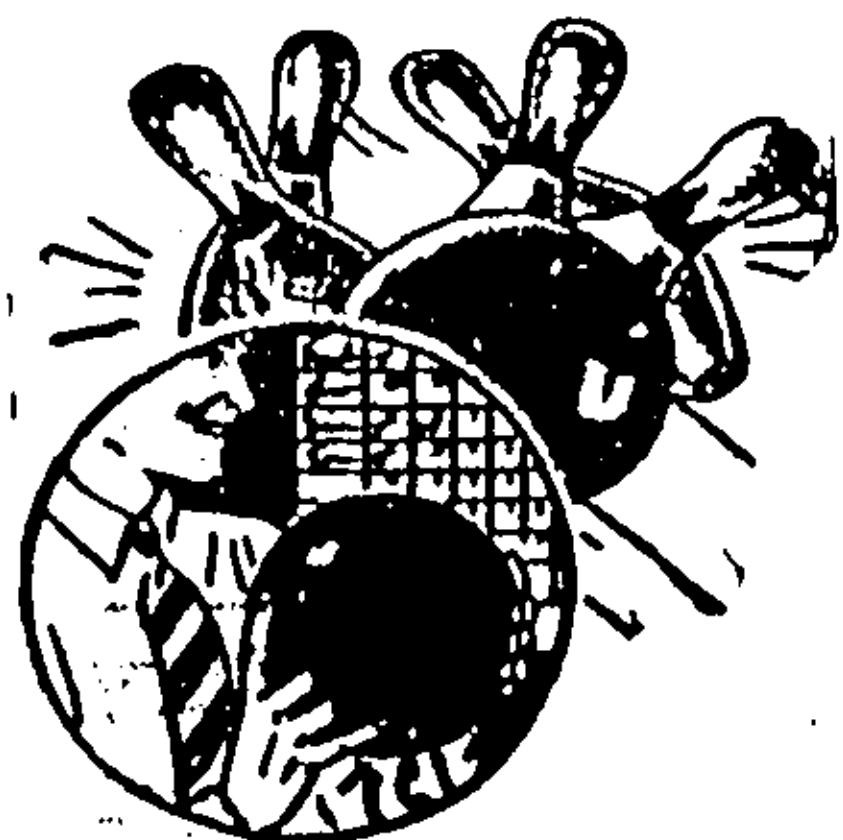
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NAVY IN ACTION ON LIBYAN COAST

Inflict Heavy Damage On Stalled Nazi Machine

FIVE-HOUR RAID ON BREMEN

By attacking Bremen on Wednesday night, aircraft of the Bomber Command struck a double blow, both against German industry and against the resources which help to sustain enemy's commerce raiders in the Atlantic, says the Air Ministry News Service.

Shipyards which, in peacetime, used to build great liners like the "Bremen" were one focus of the attack, while other squadrons concentrated on the industrial centres of Bremen on the right bank of the Weser.

The attack lasted for over five hours.

It was not a night when the results of the bombing could be observed in detail, but our pilots were able to get some idea of the damage they were doing by watching the spreading patches of suffused red in the dark veil which covered the city.

Steadily and methodically they began fires, bombed them, and now they were stretching outwards before they turned for home to make again the journey through the clouds which hung over the North Sea. — British Wireless.

Axis Force Completely Checked

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

OVER 76,000 ITALIAN TROOPS FACE SURRENDER AND THE STATUS OF PRISONERS OF WAR UNDER CAPITULATION TERMS NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN ITALIAN EAST AFRICA AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL CUNNINGHAM, WHERE AN ENVOY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA IS NEGOTIATING.

At the same time, on the North African front, German and Italian troops remain completely checked at Tobruk and Sollum, according to official information in Cairo.

The big guns of powerful units of the British fleet have been in action along the wide stretch of the Libyan and Egyptian coasts and have inflicted severe losses upon the stalled German armoured machine.

The Navy has further aided the operations by partially encircling the Imperial garrison at Tobruk by protective guns, it is officially stated. — International News Service.

A communique issued by the British Headquarters in the Middle East yesterday says that in Libya, further attacks on the defences of Tobruk were repulsed by artillery fire and the enemy again suffered heavy casualties.

One of the British patrols successfully penetrated an enemy position outside the defences of Tobruk, capturing seven Italian officers and 139 other ranks.

Many Prisoners

During Wednesday's operations 25 officers and 767 other ranks were captured. In addition, over 200 enemy dead were left on the field.

In the Sollum area, British patrols continued their activity.

In the Sollum area, our patrols have continued their rigorous activity. In one encounter, a considerable body of the enemy was surprised and sustained severe casualties.

In Abyssinia, further progress has been made by British columns converging on Dessie.

Prisoners of war returned to Addis Ababa now number over 5,000 Italians and 4,000 native troops.

A number of deserters from Italian colonial units have voluntarily joined themselves into regular bands to cooperate with the British forces.

Claim Refuted

Successful British operations at Tobruk on Wednesday, when an

LIGHTNING RAID ON A BROTHEL

Carrying out a lightning raid on a large brothel at No. 292 Kiang Street, first floor, on Wednesday night, Miss Phyllis Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, found 11 girls, it was disclosed before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, when two women were charged with keeping the brothel.

Accused, Wong Siu, 60, widow, was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour and Ho Wah, 37, married woman, who failed to appear, had her bail of \$50 estreated.

Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., said that at 11 45 p.m. on Wednesday, Miss Harrop found 11 girls and 17 men on the premises.

Accused were partners in the establishment.

Enemy position was penetrated, cannot be taken as a major engagement.

At the same time, it is pointed out in Cairo, the latest Italian defeat, coming on the morrow of the repulse of the German attack, flatly disposes of the Axis claim that Tobruk is isolated.

There is no further information about the mission of the Duke of Aosta's envoy to the British in Abyssinia. — Reuters.

Admiralty Statement

An Admiralty communique states: "The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reports that an extremely successful naval bombardment of Fort Capuzzo in the Bardia area has been carried out."

A large number of salvoes were fired and these were all seen to burst among a concentration of about a hundred enemy tanks and motor transport vehicles.

The aerodrome at El Gazala and its supply dumps have again been successfully bombed from the sea.

Our naval units in the Mediterranean have recently shot down at least two Ju88 dive-bombers and damaged two others.

No damage or casualties have been sustained by any H.M. ships in these operations. — British Wireless.

LOOKING AHEAD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rear-Admiral Byrd disclosed last night at Indianapolis that the use of Antarctica as a site for naval bases was under consideration by the U.S. Government.

The explorer stated that he had been ordered on active duty just before his departure from Washington for a week's lecture tour.

"The President," he said, "is very interested in the possibility of these bases below South America to protect the route that eventually may become a vital traffic route for the Navy should the Panama Canal be destroyed." — International News Service.

CUSTOMS PASS FATALITY

As the result of a fatal accident in Customs Pass Road on March 15, Cheung Fat, lorry driver, was fined \$25 by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for dangerous driving.

It was stated that at 11 a.m. on March 15, accused, driving a lorry along Customs Pass Road, knocked down and killed a Chinese woman.

A traffic officer said they found a 67-foot skid mark on the road, suggesting accused must have been driving at 35 m.p.h. The road was only 19 feet wide and deceased was one of 14 women walking on the road at the time of the accident.

NAZI INFANTRY MOWN DOWN AT SIATISTA

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unique broadcast from Athens radio last night.

On the Albanian front, adds the communique, certain movements of evacuation have been carried out without impediment. Klissura and Ersak have been evacuated.

Germany Claims Serb Surrender

In Berlin last night, the Nazis claimed that the Yugoslav army had surrendered.

A statement issued by the official German news agency yesterday says: "All the Yugoslav armed forces which had not been disarmed before, surrender unconditionally at 9 p.m. to-day. The capitulation comes into force at noon to-morrow."

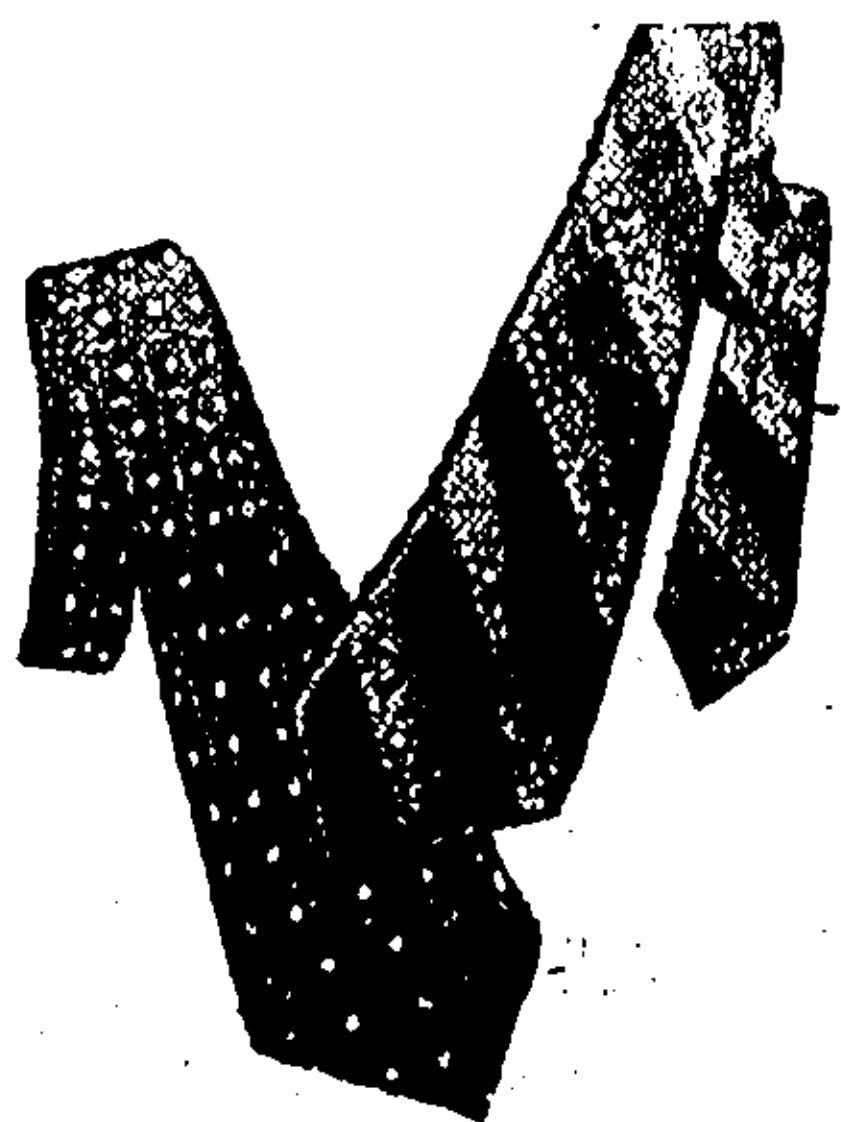
No confirmation of the above report has hitherto been received in London or from any other source. — Reuters.

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PUNISHING ATTACKS BY AIR FORCE

PUNISHING ATTACKS, it was officially announced in Cairo yesterday, were maintained by R.A.F. bombers and fighters on enemy mechanised units, troops and landing grounds in Cyrenaica on Wednesday and the previous night.

A motorised column near Fort Capuzzo was attacked and a number of vehicles destroyed. Casualties were caused among troops.

Landing grounds were subjected to night attacks at Gazala, El Adem and Derna, where one aircraft was destroyed by a direct hit.

Convoys were bombed and subsequently machine-gunned in the same area.

Fighters maintained continuous offensive patrols.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers raided Dessie aerodrome on Wednesday, and the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and encampments at Uadaram and Algha. — Reuters.

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